

Shutesbury Board of Health
February 11, 2026, 7 pm
Virtual meeting

Present: Catherine Hilton, chair; Wm Levine, Norene Pease, Arleen Read, Garrett Simonsen, board members; Claire Pless, guest.

Actions taken:

Minutes of previous meeting approved unanimously (Arleen moved, Wm seconded).

Richard Rabe, West Pelham Road, T-117: DWCP reviewed by Mike Theroux, unanimously approved (Garrett moved, Arleen seconded).

119 Lakeview Road, DWCP repair, reviewed by Megan Tudryn. unanimously approved with the addition of conditions suggested by Meg regarding securing the riser and manhole covers (Norene moved, Wm seconded).

Discussion:

Cat submitted comments on the proposed data center bylaw; there was no meeting at which we could discuss this as a board before the deadline. Comments focused on the Planning Board's inflated ideas of what the Board of Health can actually do.

Fee schedule: we need to update it as the fees are not in line with other towns. Ask the collaborative towns for their schedules. This could be important if we are able to leave the district after FY27 and buy into the collaborative.

District matters: the new health agent in training is on leave and may not be continuing. Cat will attend the district budget meeting on 2/18. Because of provisions in the legislation enabling the Public Health Excellence grants, we would need to stay in the district through FY27 in order to receive services from the collaborative. Eventually the Board of Health will vote to leave the district and get an article on the ATM27 warrant. Cat will continue to look into the details.

Garrett said he would get the after-action report from the tabletop emergency planning exercise; he, Cat, and Dave were to attend, but Cat and Garrett were both unable and Dave can't be reached.

Discussion of board functions with Claire.

Meeting adjourned (unanimously!) at 8:00 (Norene moved, Arleen seconded).