

Shutesbury Board of Health
July 1, 2020, 7 pm
Virtual meeting

Present: Catherine Hilton, clerk; Norene Pease, Arleen Read, Garrett Simonsen, Al Werner, board members; Ken Rotondi, Becky Torres, guests.

Note: We neglected to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

Actions:

We have been informed that we need to hold a hearing on the DWCP for 25 Leverett Road after the Conservation Commission hearing on July 23. The board agreed to hold our hearing on July 29 unless it is possible to precede the ConCom hearing, in which case it will be on the 15th. August meetings will most likely be held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. We return to twice-monthly meetings in July.

Discussion:

Annual Town Meeting: Generally we are pleased with the meeting, the performance of our responsibilities, the teamwork of town officials, and the cooperativeness of the attendees. The Board decided to send a note to the Police Chief expressing our disappointment that some of the officers did not join in setting an example by wearing masks while in the area behind Town Hall. A few notes were made of minor problems that we would correct if a future outdoor meeting is necessary, including better communication with election workers, better foot traffic direction, perhaps better election signage, as well as more frequent rotation of tasks, problems of social distancing when the microphones are under a canopy during rain.

Handoff: Ken said he will pass the board's police radio on to Al, whose house is located close enough to Town Hall for it to be usable. Cat will collect EDS supplies and tick signs from him. Garrett will take over as BOH rep on the Emergency Management Team. Ken himself will continue to follow up with UHS on a relationship to rotate PPEs and other supplies so that what we buy isn't wasted. The board expressed heartfelt thanks to Ken for his 15 years of service.

Reopening Town Hall: Becky explained that while Town Hall is closed to the public, business is transacted via mail, a drop box in front of the building, and personal meetings out back. The board agreed that this should continue as long as the warm weather makes outdoor meetings feasible while some adjustments are made to the interior of the building, at least through Labor Day. Board and committee meetings will continue to be virtual for the foreseeable future.

Arleen said there was one Shutesbury resident was reported by MAVEN as a COVID19 IgG antibody-positive individual. Case investigation determined no past or current symptoms, therefore no isolation and no further follow-up indicated.

Election of officers:

Norene was elected chair by acclamation. Cat will continue as clerk.

Adjourn 8:20.