

Shutesbury Board of Health

May 6, 2026, 7 pm

Virtual meeting

Members present: Catherine Hilton, chair; Norene Pease, Arleen Read, Garrett Simonsen, board members.

Member absent: Wm Levine

Guests: Grybko family, Claire Pless

Actions:

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

Grybko, 36 South Laurel, A-41, DWCP repair with LUAs for setback to well (80'), to property line (6.6'), and wetlands (33'). Megan recommends our approval, but ConCom will have to rule on the wetlands. Permit approved with an annual water testing requirement; will be held until ConCom rules.

Fukushima, 53 West Pelham Road, T-82, DWCP (repair). A repair plan was drawn up by Alan Weiss in 2024 but never submitted. Board voted unimously(Garrett moved, Arleen seconded) to approve the application; Cat is to issue the permit once Megan has completed her review.

Scott Gibson, 305 West Pelham Road, T-99: we received a request for information about this septic system for a Title 5 inspection. Our records show a T5 from 2008 that found the system failed, and there is no indication that the system was repaired. Neil Jackson requested the original plan for a new T5.

Deborah Pichanick, 80 Lakeview Road, C-31: Title 5 inspection requiring "further evaluation." Concrete leaching pit under the driveway, 66' from well (tank is 56' from well). Washing machine drains to a dry well. Water was tested and found acceptable. There are four other houses within 100 feet of the leaching pit; at least three wells serve these houses. The leaching tank is in less than ideal condition. Cat will pass this report on to Megan and ask her advice (and involvement), but will recuse herself from future discussion and voting on the board because the owner is a neighbor.

Insect-borne diseases: Arleen and Cat will work on updating the website and creating handouts for Annual Town Meeting.

Adjourn 7:50 (Norene moved, Cat seconded), unanimous vote.