

Shutesbury Board of Health
May 20, 2026, 7 pm
Virtual meeting

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

Actions taken:

Minutes of May 6 unanimously approved (motion: Arleen; second: Norene).

305 W. Pelham Rd, T-99: Title 5 inspection. Neil Jackson submitted a passing inspection report. A failed inspection report from 2008 was found in the files; owner confirmed that no repair took place. The board voted unanimously to accept the 2026 report (motion: Arleen; second: Garrett).

80 Lakeview T5 inspection: the report only reached Mike Theroux for review today. Cat sent a letter to the owner to explain.

Discussion:

Medical resources for undocumented people: no response yet from Meg. How information could be disseminated: public health nurse, school nurse, police and fire chiefs, Nextdoor Shutesbury, library, etc. If Meg was unable to find anything we will deputize the person who brought this to our attention to research it.

Garrett reported on Emergency Management Team meeting of May 18, with two areas of interest for the Board of Health:

- Regarding the oil leak at the elementary school, the contractors in charge of soil and well water testing prefer to wait until on-site testing is completed before deciding whether to recommend testing of private wells in the neighborhood.
- Regarding beavers, there is some interest in having a joint meeting of the Emergency Management Team, the Board of Health, and the Conservation Commission to ensure a unified response to beaver problems and to consider possible proactive measures.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35.