

Shutesbury Board of Health
January 6, 2021, 7 pm
Virtual meeting

Present: Norene Pease, chair; Catherine Hilton, clerk; Arleen Read, Garrett Simonsen, Al Werner, board members.

The minutes of the previous meeting were not available for review.

DISCUSSION:

COVID-19:

It was agreed that it is not appropriate to include information about isolation and quarantine among the SES community in the weekly reports. Arleen maintains regular and timely communication with the school nurse.

Norene will check with Becky on the status of Mary Ryan's contract in case Arleen needs backup in case investigation or contact tracing.

The question of whether to register with DPH as a vaccine provider for COVID vaccine is still open. Cat will ask some questions of the Vaccine Management Unit; Arleen will attempt to get back on the MIIS after a long hiatus.

Village Neighbors as a resource for people in isolation or quarantine. Questions about this. So far no one has requested services.

The Town Clerk has received some queries about vaccination in Shutesbury. Cat will work up a draft of an initial public communication on this.

Concerns about mosquito spraying:

Cat will draft a town announcement on this. The main points are that the PFAs are not an ingredient in the pesticides; they are a contaminant. More research needed. Also explain the role of the Mosquito Control District. Need more information about the opt-out provision if the state sprays. Contact Matt Osborne, Zoonotics Coordinator.

EDS contact list:

Garrett agreed to be EDS planning coordinator. The updated list will be sent back to Lauri Solomon.

Other matters:

Check with Becky on the liability status of volunteers. Women's Positive Presence members ask if Al and Arleen will be running for re-election in 2021 (yes).

Adjourn 8:10