

Shutesbury Board of Health  
August 18, 2021, 7 pm  
Virtual meeting

Present: Catherine Hilton, chair; Wm Levine, Norene Pease, Arleen Read, Garrett Simonsen, board members; guests as noted below.

Minutes of August 4 meeting were approved. Minutes of the meeting of February 17, 2021, were not distributed but inappropriately approved anyway; to be corrected.

**Actions:**

Brad Spry, re 409 West Pelham Road, T-19: DWCP repair with local upgrade. Charlie recommends approval with a change or two that are to be indicated in the as-built. Also a permit for a new well. All fees rec'd. Approved.

Steve Sullivan, representing the Highway Department, explained the request for an out-of-season beaver trapping permit at Baker Reservoir: a large family of beavers has been able, with the help of a very abundant water weed, to plug up the previously installed "beaver deceivers," causing clogging of the stone culvert under Baker Road. The potential damage would be to the road, the culvert, and a nearby residence. The board agreed to issue the permit immediately and to put out a public message explaining why we are doing so.

**Discussion:**

The Conservation Commission has requested Board of Health input on possible public health issues arising from an existing but unpermitted lawn irrigation scheme on South Laurel Drive, as a neighbor has expressed concerns about potential aerosolization of *E. coli* from the lake. The board determined that there are no public health issues.

56 Wendell Road: working with a friend of the owner to try to get the building properly secured. Deadline for submission of demolition “timeline” is September 1. Ask homeowner to submit a report by then detailing his attempts to comply.

Arleen met with the principal, superintendent, and nurse of Shutesbury Elementary School and explained the precautionary measures that will be taken when school resumes full time and in person. They hope to use Binax NOW rapid testing to allow children who were identified as contacts to stay in school if they test negative.

She also reported that there was a positive COVID case in a camper at Morse Hill, and numerous contacts due to shared transportation. None of the affected are Shutesbury residents; the camp will close for a few days.

Wm will work on getting onto MAVEN.

Garrett reported on the sheltering plans discussed at the Emergency Management Team meeting. Town Hall can be used for warming, cooling, charging, and water for animals or household use. It might be possible to have an overnight stay there or at the school, but in the medium to long term, transportation would be provided to some other shelter or accommodation. A cooling room was prepared in Town Hall during the recent hot weather but no one used it.

There was discussion of what to put in a public message, which will go out soon.

Adjourn 7:50