

Shutesbury Board of Health  
January 5, 2022, 7pm  
Virtual meeting

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

Actions taken:

Minutes of previous meeting were approved.

296 Wendell Road, H-12: septic repair by Alan Weiss. The original application was for replacing tank and D-box alone but the leachfield was found to be in groundwater so the entire system must be replaced. The board agreed that Cat will issue the permit when all requirements are met. Letter to Norman Bartlett, the Title 5 inspector who didn't catch this, nor did he submit a report to the Board of Health.

Discussion - Covid:

According to Arleen, currently there are 12-15 known cases at any time. Contact tracing is different for positive cases identified through home testing: the cases are urged to seek contact a health care provider and to notify their own contacts and urge them to get tested. The focus for contact tracing is on cases that present a high risk for spreading.

Cat will ask Mark O if the SAC could keep a list of contact info for each night in case of exposure. Arleen also reported that she provided information and suggested language for the Select Board's Covid policy.

Two proposals for use of grant funds.

District grant can be used to buy and distribute rapid antigen tests to residents. They can be bought at state-negotiated prices. This probably has to be done by the town, with reimbursement by the district. Wm will contact Becky about this, and about the other proposal that has been made, to buy 95-level masks and mail them to all residents. Can the funds that Becky has available be used to buy masks? Mailing probably not practical, but we could arrange dispersed

distribution sites where people could safely pick up: Town Hall, library, Post Office, church, SAC, SES, police.

Request by resident to assess potential damage to his well by proposed solar project. In our opinion the Board of Health is neither competent nor authorized to make such an assessment. Our advice to him is to test his well and consider replacing the shallow dug well with a deep well drilled into bedrock. Send him DEP's private well guidelines – the existing well might not meet current specifications.

Adjourn 8pm