August 3, 2022, 7pm Shutesbury Board of Health Virtual meeting

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

Minutes of previous meeting were approved.

56 Wendell Road condemnation: unanimous vote to defer action for a month.

44 Old Egypt Road: DWCP repair. Board voted to approve. 2022-0801.

Norene reported on the Public Health Excellence grant; she represented us at the organizational meeting. A MOA is being developed. There will be weekly meetings at first, then monthly meetings are required. Personnel includes Jen Hoffman, 1.5 FTE public health nurses, and a health agent/inspector. A social worker may be added later after the towns have demonstrated their competence. Michael Hugo of MAHB will address the group sometime in the future. Norene anticipates that more training and credentialing for all personnel will be offered, and required.

Norene also reported that Meg Ryan (mryan@frcog.org) is our designated contact for monkeypox cases, and that she attended a presentation on an opioid task force for Eastern Franklin and Worcester counties. She said that a popular drug now is a horse tranquilizer which is not an opioid and does not respond to Narcan.

In other discussion, it was agreed that a link to PCR testing sites should be included in the weekly message, and that we should try to move the free test kits more quickly through Town Hall, possibly the library and even the SAC, and eventually through the school.

Adjourn 7:45