

Shutesbury Board of Health

November 15, 2023, 7 pm

Virtual meeting

Present: Catherine Hilton, chair; Arleen Read, Garrett Simonsen, board members; Frank McGinn, guest.

The minutes of November 1 were accepted.

Discussion:

Home burial: Cat was unable to reach anyone at MAHB; Garrett spoke with a person from the Community Sanitation Division of DPH. There is conflicting information coming from DEP and DPH, as well as disagreement within DPH about the requirements. Garrett will send a summary of the current situation that Cat will pass on to the person who has expressed an interest.

Erosion of a septic mound: Cat visited with Claudia a very high steep mound that was reported to be eroding and to have a hole in it. The hole appears to be an animal burrow. Wrote to the owner recommending a septic system inspection. The system is nearly 30 years old; possibly this is going to be a problem as mounded systems age.

Cat reported briefly on the person camping in the woods (unable to contact), a problem with collecting fees that will be addressed at STM, and a MAPHCO meeting with the new emergency preparedness vendor.

Garrett reported that he had asked Sarah Fiske to include the BOH in her regular reporting; Sarah said she thought the report should come from Megan Tudryn. Garrett will reach out to Megan. Also, Arleen said she would work out with Sarah the division of duties on MAVEN.

Adjourn 7:35