

Shutesbury Board of Health

August 21, 2024, 7 pm

Virtual meeting

Present: Catherine Hilton, chair; Wm Levine, Norene Pease, Arleen Read, Garrett Simonsen, board members. Guests: Mary Jo Maffei, presenting knotweed information; Amanda Alix, L. Berlin, Miriam Defant, Mary Jo Johnson, Frank McGinn, Matteo Pangallo, Joseph Salvador, Tom Siefert, “jon” who did not identify himself.

Actions taken:

Minutes of previous meeting were approved.

Board agreed to issue a well destruction permit for a disused well discovered on lot O-32.

H-46, lot newly created from 212 Wendell Road: board agreed to issue Disposal Works Construction Permit.

Discussion:

Mary Jo Maffei presented the work of the Subduing Knotweed Coalition. The Board of Health is being asked for its concurrence with an action plan that includes glyphosate treatment for several discrete parcels, ideally beginning this fall. This plan would be overseen by the Select Board and implemented by the Highway Department. Miriam DeFant, formerly of the Conservation Commission, apparently argued that the Conservation Commission has jurisdiction over roadside actions even when wetlands are not involved. The coalition will be meeting with the Commission on August 22. Board members made suggestions about the document presented by Mary Jo. No action was taken and the discussion was continued to the next meeting subject to receiving an updated document from the coalition.

Adjourn 8:25