Shutesbury Board of Health September 18, 2024, 7 pm Virtual meeting

Present: Catherine Hilton, chair; Wm Levine, Arleen Read, Garrett Simonsen, board members; Frank McGinn, Joe Salvador, Tom Siefert, guests.

Actions taken:

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

36 South Laurel Drive: revisiting the question of whether a Title 5 inspection can be waived because the existing system is to be removed. The board voted that Cat will send an email to the owner, the engineer, the health agent, and the Conservation Commission stating that the Board of Health is prepared to waive the inspection requirement provided that all system components and soils are removed from the site, subject to any requirements that the Conservation Commission might impose if the site falls within the Commission's jurisdiction.

Discussion:

Sarah Fiske is planning a potential vaccination clinic, for both flu and covid, at the Shutesbury Elementary School. The state, apparently through contract vendors, would be in charge of vaccine administration and presumably insurer billing. The board is willing to offer support for this event, assuming it happens.

Garrett reported that a health inspector who is qualified to act as an animal inspector is now available through the Valley Health Collaborative on a fee-for-service basis. He will look into whether Nancy Long, the Shutesbury dog officer, is qualified to act as animal inspector.

Garrett also reported on the opioid settlement funds situation: Greenfield has opted not to pool its share of the funds, and the other smaller towns in the collaborative have apparently not taken any action on pooling. Sarah Fiske is working with Leverett on a possible plan and is willing to work with Shutesbury as well. Garrett will bring the issue up at the next collaborative meeting and see if any other towns are willing to work with us.

Adjourn 7:30