

Town of Sheffield
Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
June 14, 2022 5:30 pm
Town Hall first floor meeting room

Members attending: Pat Levine, Eileen Clarke, and Scott Smith
Absent: David Lewis and Martin Mitsoff
Members of the Public: Jayne Smith

Meeting called to order at 5:30P.M.

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 10th 2022: Correction to minutes. Take out EPAS should have been PFAS (per/polyfluoroalkyl substance) contamination. Derived from municipal sludge. #10 third line down spraying not spaying. Eileen moved to accept minutes, 2nd Scott, all in favor.
2. Discussion /possible action regarding variance request for reduction in setback for 928 Sheffield-Egremont Rd. Discussion on the need for 100ft from well. Property line is corner of field. Scott gave information. Pat moved for acceptance, Scott 2nd, all in favor.
3. Discussion/possible action regarding alternate for Berkshire Public Health Alliance. This discussion included the question of continuing membership with BPHA. Discussion: Pat noted that we use them for Housing inspections. Jayne Smith does camp inspection and the Southern Berkshire Public Health Collaborative (SBPHC) intends to get a shared inspector who could do housing issues for Sheffield. There may be no need for membership in BPHA. Will bring back with full board in July.
4. Update on use of opioid settlement funds: Pat: The SBPHC intends to educate select boards regarding the idea of pooling the monies to use for South County Recovery Center in Gt Barrington. Director Gary Pratt is working off of grant money now. Even if money was pooled among the towns, it would only pay for rent and utilities, at most. It could also be put toward the Harm Reduction Van. Further discussion next month.
5. Update on PFAS information Session and possible request to the water company for report: Follow up on any reports submitted to town hall on water and milk.
6. Update on Beaver issue on Bow Wow Rd: Pat: Flooding from neighboring wetlands. Town is to install a pipe under the road thereby lowering the water level so the beavers won't dam. Question on the water flooding the well. Pat made onsite visit. Water was not near the well. No action taken.
7. COVID update: State has offered 600 free tests. No restrictions on handouts; will be given to fire, police departments, Senior Center, food pantry, Christ Church, the library. The Senior Center and the Library will make them available to the public. Rapid test expiration date, 9-month shelf life.
8. Board member Items: Pat, none. Scott: Septic work is very busy, Perc tests busy as well. Scott noted that no action needed to be taken regarding septic systems that fail to pass the Title 5 inspection – existing methods of follow up are adequate. Eileen, none.

Public comments:

Jayne Smith reported on outstanding food inspections and discussed her approach to inspections. She tries to prepare the owner and wants to be as helpful as possible so they have a positive experience in the inspection process. No other public comments.

Scott moved to adjourn; Eileen seconded. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Next meeting is July 12, 2022 at 5:30pm.