

May 18, 2023

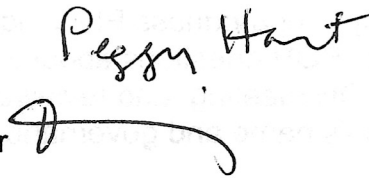
Via Zoom

## Agenda

1. Open the meeting
2. Review/approve April minutes
3. Review/process mail, email, and website
4. Health Agent Report
  - a. West End complaint
  - b. Smoking inquiry from Buckland Pizza
  - c. Red Gate Farm – Epi Pen report
5. Report on Meeting w/Herb
6. HHAN/WebEOC ( Health and Homeland Alert Network / Web Emergency Operations Center
7. FC Public Health Emergency Preparedness Planning (PHEP) Need to vote
8. Opioid dollars- recommendation/discussion
9. Discuss Age-Friendly report
10. COVID-19: Cases, updates, regs/guidance
11. Organization of minutes, permits, other BOH paperwork at town hall
12. Any other items not reasonably anticipated by Chairman 48 hours prior to meeting
13. Public Comment
14. Adjourn the meeting

## Attendees

Peggy Hart, chair  
Julia Godfrey, member  
Carmela Lanza-Weil, member  
Kurt Schellenberg, CPHS  
Randy Crochier, CPHS



1. Chair Peggy Hart opened the meeting at 4:00 pm
2. Review/approve April minutes  
Member Carmela Lanza-Weil made a motion to approve the minutes of April 20, 2023; chair Hart seconded the motion; all voted in favor.
3. Health Agent Report
  - a. West End Pub complaint  
There was a complaint from a customer about ice tea having been served with a problematic smell. CPHS agents Kurt Schellenberg and Randy Crochier visited the restaurant and communicated with staff. It is possible

the odor was related to an ammonia-based cleaner. The BOH will respond to the complainant that the issue has been investigated, and the complaint will be on file in the event of future issues.

b. Smoking inquiry from Buckland Pizza

There was a complaint from a tenant living above Buckland Pizza that restaurant employees were smoking on the town-owned property between buildings. There is a BOH ordinance prohibiting smoking on town properties/common areas. The BOH will communicate this restriction to the restaurant owner.

c. Red Gate Farm – Epi Pen report

A juvenile had an allergic reaction while attending a program at Red Gate Farm, and was subsequently successfully treated. Red Gate Farm now operates year-round, and therefore has a different classification with DESE. Agent Crochier will investigate the current permitting category and report to the BOH.

d. Agent Schellenberg reported on behalf of Lisa White who is looking to schedule home visits for vaccinations as well as an upcoming clinic at Highland Village

e. Agent Schellenberg reported on the BOH's inquiry re: possible problematic occupation of 28 Conway St., and saw no evidence of the shed being occupied as a living space. There is working plumbing in the house. There is an open building permit for the property.

4. FC Public Health Emergency Preparedness Planning (PHEP) Need to vote  
Agent Crochier responded to BOH questions about the After-Action report discussed during the April BOH meeting, and reviewed recommendations and decisions on the organization's name and governance.

Chair Hart made the following motion: I move that the BUCKLAND Board of Health vote to support the proposed changes to the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coalition now known as MAPHCO, to commit to a BUCKLAND Board of Health member or designee to attend the MAPHCO annual meeting, and to authorize any BUCKLAND Board of Health member or designee that attends the MAPHCO annual meeting to vote in favor of this change at said meeting. Member Lanza-Weil seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

Member Lanza-Weil, or a designee, will attend the Mohawk Area Public Health Coalition (MAPHCO) 2023 Annual Meeting, June 21, 2023, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

5. HHAN/WebEOC ( Health and Homeland Alert Network / Web Emergency Operations Center)

Agent Crochier responded to BOH members' questions about the different

EOCs (systems which are meant to provide real-time information about a situation or incident), noting the one hosted by MEMA is the most effective of the two.

6. Opioid dollars- recommendation/discussion

The amount of funding received is based on a formula of zip codes and number of overdoses, so the amounts across the state vary greatly. Buckland's share is \$12,000. Town Meeting voted affirmatively to set up a separate account to receive the funds. Phoebe Walker will be convening discussions to coordinate offerings amongst area towns.

7. Discuss Age-Friendly report

Member Lanza-Weil reminded BOH members of the Age-Friendly Report and the presentation by LifePath to the Select Board, and particularly the finding that many respondents to the survey indicated they lack, or don't know how to, access mental health services. Agent Crochier suggested using a newsletter or the town website to share information, and to reach out to Meg Ryan for ideas for outreach.

8. Report on Meeting w/Herb Guyette

Members Julia Godfrey and Carmen Lanza-Weil met with Herb Guyette, Buckland Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director to discuss ways the BOH might be a support to those affected by adverse conditions such as limited access due to extreme weather. The meeting clarified the problems encountered by emergency responders and residents (both logistically and bureaucratically) and brainstormed ways to address the situation. Chief Guyette reviewed the process utilized by Eversource to identify at-risk individuals, which involves a letter from a physician documenting necessary medical equipment, which must be renewed each year.

9. COVID-19: Cases, updates, regs/guidance

The BOH members decided not to keep this item on future agendas with the pandemic declaration having ended. At this point, no testing or contact tracing is happening, and the virus is treated "more like the flu."

10. Organization of minutes, permits, other BOH paperwork at town hall

Tabled until July.

11. Review/process mail, email, and website

- Chair Hart reported a message from the Shelburne Falls Trolley Museum, interested in acquiring a defibrillator, and inquiring about available funds for such a purchase.
- There was no postal mail.
- Member Godfrey asked if all BOH members might be given access to email so as to more easily share the workload.

## Buckland, MA Board of Health Meeting Minutes

### 12. Discussion about rescheduling meetings.

Meetings will continue to be the 3rd Thursday of each month, evening time t.b.d.

### 13. Member Lanz-Weil moved to adjourn the meeting; member Godfrey seconded the motion; all voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:12 pm

Respectfully submitted, Alison Cornish, Boards Clerk