

Buckland, MA Board of Health Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2022

Buckland Town Hall, 17 State St.

Agenda

1. Open the meeting.
2. Note Dean Singer's resignation, welcome Julia Godfrey
3. Review/approve minutes for September meeting
4. Health Agent Report:
5. Hearing to determine fitness for habitability 27 Sears St, Buckland
6. COVID-19: Cases, updates, regs/guidance
7. Review/process mail – someone will collect from Town Hall.
8. Any other items not reasonably anticipated by Chairman 48 hours prior to meeting
9. Public Comment.
10. Adjourn the meeting.

Attendees

Peggy Hart, chair

Julia Godfrey, member

Peggy Hart 1/4/23
Julia Godfrey

1. Chair Peggy Hart opened the meeting at 5:05
2. Chair Hart expressed appreciation for Dean Singer's service to the Board and the town, and will ask the town to send a letter to Dr. Singer thanking him for serving on the Board of Health. New member Julia Godfrey was warmly welcomed to the Board.
3. Minutes of the September 15th meeting were not reviewed.
- 4&5. As there was no one from FRCOG in attendance, no health agent report was received, nor was the hearing regarding 27 Sears St. addressed
6. Chair Hart noted the weekly COVID report shows a small number of reported cases in Buckland, though it is likely residents are taking home rather than PCR tests, so positive cases may not be making their way into officially reported numbers. The Board of Health has not received any new requests for guidance (i.e., masking again) from the town or school district. Member Godfrey noted the weekly provider report she receives indicated that 1:20 Massachusetts residents may be asymptotically positive for COVID, and the number of hospitalizations, including ICU, are rising. Chair Hart noted the regular check-ins with emergency services, schools, and town administration which took place 2020-2021 have not been continued in 2022. Member Godfrey asked about vaccine clinics; information about local clinics is available on the FRCOG website.
7. Chair Hart noted there are three ways in which the Board of Health receives communications: via email, voice mail, and post. As member Singer was receiving

emails, member Godfrey will take over that task (once she receives the password); chair Hart covers voice mail, and member Lanze-Weil collects post. Chair Hart reported there were 2 voice mails this month: one call was for the town administrator, and the other one was indecipherable, but might have been in regards to a perk test.

8. Member Godfrey requested the December 15th meeting be held remotely.
9. There was no public comment.
10. Meeting was adjourned at 5:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Alison Cornish, Boards Clerk