

Buckland Board of Health

Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2020 6:30 p.m.

Remote Video Conferencing Meeting Via Zoom

AGENDA

1. Open the meeting.
2. Review minutes for March 17 and April 3, and approve
3. Health Agent report - Randy or Lisa.
4. COVID-19/BOH Response: Information and update.
5. Open and process mail.
6. Any other items not reasonably anticipated by Chairman 48 hours prior to meeting.
7. Public comment.
8. Adjourn the meeting.

ATTENDEES

Richard Warner - BOH Chairman

Terry Estes - BOH Member

Marti Taft-Ferguson - BOH Member

Randy Crochier - Regional Health Agent

Lisa Danek Burke - Regional Health Agent

Herb Guyette - Fire Chief

Mary Bolduc - Boards' Clerk

MEETING

1. Open the meeting - Meeting opened at 7:04 p.m.
2. Review minutes for March 17 and April 3 and approve - Board members reviewed minutes. Marti moved to accept, seconded by Rich. Vote to approve was unanimous.
3. Health Agent report -
 1. COVID cases steadily increasing, the vast majority being in long term care.
 2. Zip code issues skew statistics in terms of exact town where cases are located.
 3. Randy had reached out to area businesses to reinforce safety issues.
 4. McCuskers expressed concern regarding senior hours stating that in their case those hours resulted in being counter to the concept; business was MORE busy thus defeating the purpose. Board discussion on McCuskers and senior hours. Randy is not uncomfortable under the circumstances for them not to offer that option. Their hours of operation are currently more limited, so safer to distribute customers over entire business day.
 5. Herb wants to protect his EMT's, and raised questions of clinical vs symptomatic diagnosis. He also wants to know "where" and "how many" cases if he is going to

send people into the field. Rich responded and offered information on re-testing citing the fact that it is required by some employers. He also believes anyone exhibiting symptoms should be tested, and reported that accuracy of statistics has improved from even a week ago.

6. Perc test on Willis Farm - system cannot be located by barn due to proximity to road and must therefore be on same side of road as the house.
7. LUA on Avery Road - approved.
8. 53 East Buckland Road - septic system failed.
9. Perc test to be done Tuesday on 61 Purinton Road.
10. Lisa asked for BOH member to accompany her to visit vacant properties. Rich offered.
11. Doug Telling of Charlemont BOH had reached out to Buckland BOH hoping for a unified front in supporting wearing face masks.
4. COVID-19/BOH Response; Information and update - Discussed interchangeably with areas of discussion on Agenda Item #3, Health Agent report.
5. Open and process mail - N/A
6. Any other items not reasonably anticipated by Chairman 48 hours prior to meeting -
 1. Marti reported that the Buckland Task Force ICS activity log should include all activity beyond the norm since March 17, 2020 and should be entered using military time.
 2. Marti will update BOH message on town website.
 3. Terry questioned activity at 277 Ashfield Road due to lack of septic or water supply. Property is scheduled for a perc test so Lisa will assess.
 4. Buckland received some PPEs from CPHS including surgical masks, gloves, and N95 masks.
 5. Randy warned that as country opens up, COVID numbers will experience an increase. Board discussion on contact tracing, noting that local tracers are more effective because they possess knowledge of the area.
7. Public comment - No public comment.
8. Adjourn the meeting - Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Bolduc, Boards' Clerk, May 19, 2020

Approved by:

Jay A. Egan 7/15/2020
At Talley 07-15-20
N. Wam 7/15/20