

Buckland Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
July 21, 2020 6:30 p.m.
Meeting via Zoom

AGENDA

1. Open the meeting,
2. 66 Upper Street septic design - Anne Stephany
3. 89 State Street - report/follow up.
4. Health Agent report - Randy C or Lisa DB.
5. Flu Clinic planning with EMD/BOH mini regional group.
6. COVID-19/BOH Response: information & update.
 1. Phase 3, Step 1 - updates.
 2. Retail and restaurants.
 3. Other as needed.
7. Board laptop.
8. Review/process mail - Marti or Terry will collect from Town Hall.
9. Any other items not reasonably anticipated by Chairman 48 hours prior to meeting.
10. Public comment.
11. Adjourn the meeting.

ATTENDEES

Richard Warner - BOH Chairman
Terry Estes - BOH Member
Marti Taft-Ferguson - BOH Member
Randy Crochier - Health Agent
Al Goodwin - McCusker's Market
Janice Sorensen - Resident
Mary Bolduc - Boards' Clerk

MEETING

1. Open the meeting - Meeting opened at 6:31 p.m. by Richard Warner, Chair.
2. 66 Upper Street septic design - Anne Stephany
 1. Anne reported that Bostley did an improved diagram of septic. Scoped leach field giving a better idea of its location.
 2. Easement has been obtained (cross access easement) which was also necessary for driveway.
 3. Anne screen shared the signed easement. Included was a map indicating locations of septic tank, leach field, and easements.

4. Ms. Stephany is also planning to drill well 100' to 120' from septic. Henshaw to do drilling. Randy inquired about the possibility of septic systems on other nearby or abutting properties that might impact well. It was determined there were none.
5. Randy will meet with Lisa in morning to review all information. Well permit application has been filed.
3. 89 State Street; report/follow up -
 1. Randy reported that all communications he sent out came back. No contact has been made with owner and all documents are unsigned.
 2. Marti asked if copies were sent to Springfield, MA address. She advised forwarding information to Springfield contact before going to court.
 3. Terry reported at this time that the house at 146 E. Buckland Rd had burned in March and is now being re-built on same footprint.
 1. Randy expressed concern about possible damage to septic system during fire such as being driven over by trucks or seepage from water used to fight fire.
 2. Terry stated that tank is not in a position to have been driven on.
 3. Per Randy, someone will look at site by Thursday (July23). Will also ask Herb Guyette about seepage.
 4. Regarding 146 E Buckland Road, Terry found only a file with one pumping report, no further information about septic system (permit, design, etc.). Will continue to look. Randy suggested that if house was built pre-911, then could have been re-numbered.
4. Health Agent report: Randy C or Lisa DB - Randy reported:
 1. Received a call from DEP regarding Deerfield River access. People who went swimming got a rash. Police were called and reportedly helpful, but could find no problems. Incident was reported to have happened where Clesson Brook empties into Deerfield River.
 2. Received an email regarding Ben Murray's fall and winter classes at Red Gate Farm inquiring whether or not they are considered "camps". School based programs for adults are **not** considered camps. People sleeping in dining hall during winter programs violates food laws.
 3. Regarding Floodwater Brewery, the West End Pub will not be supplying their food. Floodwater will investigate using a food truck but has not yet formulated a solid plan.
5. Flu Clinic planning with EMD/BOH mini regional group -
 1. Group started conversation about drive through clinic. Per Lisa White (FRCOG), clinic will be scheduled earlier this year and likely on a Saturday. Advisable for everyone to receive a shot this year.
 2. Next meeting for mini regional group on Wednesday, July 22. Marti gave information re meeting to Rich and Terry.
6. COVID-19/BOH Response: information & updates -
 1. Phase 3, Step 1 updates - Other than West End Pub, no one else has opened or changed. Marti expressed concern over size of kitchen in WEP and implications for social distancing for employees. Randy reported on the reduced numbers Pub could serve under COVID guidelines.

2. Retail & restaurants -
 1. See above re WEP.
 2. Al Goodwin of McCuskers Market addressed Board regarding use of plastic bas for bulk items, explaining there is no safe alternative to pre-package that also has environmental benefit. He sought the Board's position on use of plastic bags. It was suggested to approach Select Board to suspend the plastic bag ban, or (per Randy) at least that portion which would include pre-packaging of bulk items.
 3. Other as needed - Nothing new on porta-potty issue. Marti reported on Nancy Dole's concerns expressed at last Select Board meeting regarding lack of public rest room facilities. It was determined that the porta-potty on Shelburne side of river serve both towns at this time.
7. Board laptop - Marti stated that she has not yet spent much time with new Board laptop, but explained the "pros" of Google Chrome and the fact that it will be a repository for BOH documents.
8. Review/process mail; Marti or Terry will collect from Town Hall - None to open/process.
9. Any other items not reasonably anticipated by Chairman 48 hours prior to meeting - Marti spoke to a woman who had inquired about a women's softball team. Presently there is only practice, no games.
10. Public comment - Taken out of order and addressed between Agenda Items 6 and 7.
 1. Janice Sorensen addressed Board about installing a composting toilet. She would like to copy model of composting outhouse at Red Gate Farm and has taken photos of that facility. She wants information on how to proceed.
 2. Randy replied that toilet can be permitted but has questions regarding washing if composting toilet is to be used for short term rental.
 3. Randy will do a site visit and meet with Janice at her property.
11. Adjourn the meeting - Next meeting scheduled for August 4. Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Mary L. Bolduc, Boards Clerk, August 4, 2020

Signed by: *Angela E. Etkin* 9/29/2020
M. L. Bolduc 9/29/20 *9/29/20*