

Buckland Board of Health
 Meeting Minutes
 September 15, 2020 6:30 p.m.
 Meeting Via Zoom Video Conferencing

AGENDA

1. Open the Meeting.
2. Review/approve minutes August 4, 2020, August 18, 2020.
3. Health Agent Report: Randy C. or Lisa DB.
4. School re-opening - updates.
5. Flu-clinic planning.
6. COVID-19: Updates/issues/developments
7. MTWP - Join/not join/include on Special Town Meeting (STM) Warrant for 9/26/20 - Discuss
8. Review/process mail - Marti or Terry will collect from Town Hall
9. Any other items not reasonably anticipated by Chair 48 hours prior to meeting.
10. Public Comment.
11. Adjourn the Meeting.

ATTENDEES

Terry Estes - Board of Health Member
 Martha Taft-Ferguson - Board of Health Member
 Randy Crochier - Health Agent
 Margaret Olin - Resident, Member of Energy Committee
 Mary Bolduc - Boards' Clerk

ABSENT

Richard Warner - Board of Health Chair

MEETING

1. Open the Meeting - Meeting opened at 6:32 p.m.
2. Review/approve Minutes August 4, 2020, August 18, 2020 - Marti moved to accept Minutes of August 18, 2020, seconded by Terry. Vote: Marti: yes. Terry: yes. August 18 minutes accepted. Corrections were made to August 4, 2020 minutes. Corrections to be made and re-submitted for approval.
3. Health Agent Report: Randy Crochier reported -
 1. Randy checks regularly on State travel logs for travel into and out of Massachusetts.
 2. Randy suggested a port-a-potty for parking lot of Mohawk Trail Regional School since it is being use by students for wifi access/remote learning. Board discussion followed regarding security for port-a-potty when school is not in session.

3. Randy is seeking more information on an outside arts fair to be held at The Mill on Conway Street. The Board of Health members have received no information, but will follow up on Randy's lead to ensure adherence to protocols for outside gatherings.
4. Marti asked Randy about learning pods for school children, regarding 1) proper terminology 2) approval process 3) informing parents of the need for services to be approved and 4) use of school funds to support these services.
5. Springfield has cancelled all Halloween events. The DPH and Governor Baker are to make an announcement concerning Halloween; Randy is waiting for that announcement before taking any local action. Considering that the next Buckland BOH meeting is October 20, is that too late to discuss Halloween and make a determination on the local level? Marti explained that Ben Murray of Red Gate Farm has planned a tentative Halloween celebration which she would like Randy or a BOH member to discuss with him.
4. School re-opening -
 1. Covered largely in Health Agent Report.
 1. Marti saw a tent in front MTRS and inquired about its purpose. Randy answered that it is an outdoor classroom and is not subject to the same gathering guidelines.
5. Flu-clinic planning -
 1. Clinic planning is ongoing. Most important item now is publicizing; Marti is in process of posting on Town website, and urged everyone to let people know by word of mouth.
6. COVID-19: Update/issues/developments -
 1. No new cases in Buckland.
 2. Board members discussed various statistics with which people had approached them regarding COVID. Randy explained that the way numbers were counted had changed due to MAVEN being closed down. Also, he gave the example of NMH administering 1,800 tests, while Gill only has a population of 1,500. Likewise, Deerfield Academy tested their students which would similarly skew the numbers for Deerfield. College students are supposed to use the address where they reside the most..
 3. COVID tests, turn around times, and test accuracies were also discussed.
7. MTWP - Join/not join/include on STM Warrant for 9/26/20 - Discuss
 1. Staci Kontrabecki advised Heather to take it off the warrant as it had passed the deadline for Buckland to opt in. Board discussion on correctness of deadline, and the Boards' belief that it could still be on Warrant.
 2. Terry recalled the BOH previously advising the Select Board not to join, to which Margaret Olin agreed. Board discussion on conservation restrictions.
8. Review/process mail: Marti or Terry to collect from Town Hall - N/A
9. Items not reasonably anticipated by Chair 48 hours prior to meeting -
 1. The priest at St. Joseph's Catholic Church inquired about HVAC systems with respect to COVID. With cold weather approaching, he is concerned about conducting Mass even with adhering to social distancing guidelines.
10. Public Comment -
 1. Margaret Olin participated in the MTWP discussion.

11. Adjourn the Meeting -

1. Marti moved to adjourn, seconded by Terry. Vote was taken. Marti: yes.
Terry: yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Bolduc, Boards' Clerk, October 20, 2020

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mary Bolduc', with a stylized, flowing script.