

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

## AGENDA

1. Open the Meeting
2. Red Gate Farm Halloween event - Ben Murray.
3. Halloween - area wide approach, discuss and determine actions as needed.
4. Review/process mail - Marti or Terry will collect from Town Hall.
5. Any other items not reasonably anticipated by Chair 48 hours prior to meeting.
6. Public Comment.
7. Adjourn the Meeting.

## ATTENDEES

Richard Warner - Board of Health Chair  
 Terry Estes - Board of Health Member  
 Martha Taft-Ferguson - Board of Health Member  
 Randy Crochier - Health Agent  
 Mary Bolduc- Boards' Clerk  
 Ben Murray - Resident

## MEETING

1. Open the Meeting - Meeting opened at 6:38 p.m.
2. Red Gate Farm Halloween event - Ben Murray.
  1. Ben met with Health Agent Randy Crochier last week for preliminary run-through. Event date of October 24 with rain date of October 25.
  2. Red Gate Farm Halloween Celebration is a yearly event, with an attendance of about 80 people.
  3. Ben emphasized that Red Gate has been conservative during COVID for family and community and this year's party is not an attempt to make money or recoup lost revenue, but to provide a celebration.
  4. The event is held entirely outside with 8 or 9 stations featuring farm animals, games, and arts and crafts.
  5. Randy advised hand washing stations.
  6. Marti inquired about staggered arrival times of guests to avoid crowding. Ben suggested selling tickets with arrival times which won't prevent overlap but will prevent early trickle in and late flood of arrivals. Marti added that an RSVP on invitations might help with an a more accurate final guest list.
  7. Randy suggested for games like the ring toss, to have two sets of rings, so one set could be sanitized while the other was being used.
  8. Ben and his senior counselor would be responsible for enforcing compliance with all regulations with respect to masking, social distancing, sanitizing, etc.

9. There are two composting toilets and one handicap accessible port-a potty with hand washing stations. In an emergency, there is also a restroom facility in the main building.
10. Ben screen shared a map of the venue, complete with entrance, exit, stations, and path to proceed through event. Terry asked if Ben could include a copy of the map with each invitation.
11. Ben is hoping to provide individually wrapped candies, proposed several methods to safely dispense it, and will request parents have children wait until they arrive home to eat the candy.
12. Board discussion on children's contact with farm animals (oxen sheep, etc). Ben asked if there was petting zoo guidance. Marti emphasized children sanitizing their hands before and after petting animals.
13. Ben requested permission to state that plans for event had been approved by Buckland Board of Health. Permission was given with Randy's name and number as contact information.
3. Halloween: area wide approach, discuss and determine actions as needed -
  1. Shelburne will host as usual.
  2. Will post CDC guidelines, emphasizing safe practices for trick or treating as well as passing out candy.
  3. How to get the word out? People don't use Town website. Using robocall for flu clinic; can there be a short "blurb" at the end regarding Halloween?
  4. Need to address putting out grab bags vs individually handing out candy.
  5. Question arose concerning older children, teens. who tend to party; what can be done to discourage that? Short discussion.
  6. Randy suggested handing out Halloween fliers at flu clinic; also addressed posting signs from CDC or local BOH.
4. Review/process mail - Marti or Terry to collect from Town Hall - N/A
5. Any other items not reasonably anticipated by Chair 48 hours prior to meeting -
  1. A Board member received a call from a parent concerned about students at Buckland Shelburne Elementary School attending classes in an outdoor tented classroom. The school is awaiting a new air filtration system due to a failed air quality test which forces about 40 students into the outdoor classroom for 5-6 hours per day. The parent's concern was for recent colder temperatures with more to come, and the fact that some students were not properly dressed for the weather conditions. The possibility of the students being bussed to Colrain Elementary was discussed, but that solution is not in the best interest of all students concerned. Randy is to meet with Superintendent Sheryl Stanton and Joanne Giguere, Principal of BSE.
  2. Marti reported there had been one dog in quarantine but had received no further updates on that dog.
6. Public Comment - N/A
7. Adjourn the Meeting -
  1. Marti moved to adjourn, seconded by Rich. Roll call vote was taken. Marti: yes. Rich: yes. Terry: yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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


