

Buckland Board of Health
 Meeting Minutes
 Tuesday, October 20, 2020 6:30 p.m.
 Meeting via Zoom

AGENDA

1. Open the meeting.
2. Review/approve minutes for September 15, 2020 and October 6, 2020.
3. Health Agent Report: Randy Crochier or Lisa Danek Burke.
4. COVID -19: cases, updates, news.
5. COVID -19: Halloween.
6. Review/process mail - Marti or Terry will collect from Town Hall.
7. Any other items not reasonably anticipated by Chairman 48 hours prior to meeting.
8. Public Comment.
9. Adjourn the meeting.

ATTENDEES

Richard Warner - Board of Health Chair
 Terry Estes - Board of Health Member
 Marti Taft-Ferguson - Board of Health Member
 Heather Butler - Buckland Town Administrator
 Randy Crochier - Health Agent
 Mary Bolduc - Boards' Clerk

MEETING

1. Open the meeting - Meeting opened at 6:42 p.m.
2. Review/approve minutes for September 15, 2020 and October 6, 2020 -
 1. September 15, 2020 - Two corrections made. Marti moved to approve as corrected, seconded by Rich. Vote in favor to accept as corrected: Rich, yes; Marti, yes.
 2. October 6, 2020 - Marti moved to accept as written, seconded by Rich. Vote in favor of motion: Marti, yes; Rich, yes.
 3. August 4, 2020 - Corrected minutes from August 4 needed to be approved. Marti so moved, seconded by Rich. Vote in favor of motion: Marti, yes; Rich, yes.
 4. Note: Terry was not logged in at time above votes were taken, thus not included in the roll call vote.
3. Health Agent Report: Randy Crochier or Lisa Danek Burke - Randy Crochier reported.
 1. Nothing new to report except for COVID updates.

2. Anticipated participation in Halloween is very low compared to past years, even in historically popular spots such as Mechanic Street (Shelburne side of river). Only two households presently planning to participate. Overall, 80% - 95% non-participation expected.
 1. Fire Fighters Association is planing to distribute candy on apron in front of fire station on State Street.
 1. Discussion on safety of fire station location, taking traffic coming off Route 2 into consideration. It was suggested that a drive through would be safest.
 2. Methods of candy distribution discussed as well as other health and safety precautions,(gloves, hand sanitizer, distancing, etc.).
 3. Due to so few businesses on Buckland side of river, methods of publicizing COVID/public health guidelines prior to Halloween were suggested, including sending word through the schools, in the Recorder and Independent. FRCOG posters will be distributed to downtown locations.
 3. Rich inquired about the status of the air filtration repairs/upgrades at Buckland Shelburne Elementary School. Randy reported that the parts were not delivered on schedule and students will therefore be temporarily bused to Colrain Central School.
4. COVID - 19: cases, updates, news
 1. There are currently 5 cases in Buckland. Discussion followed on status of testing, and number of households and household members included in Buckland's statistics.
 2. Latest DPH call offered information on recent sporting events to which some Franklin County cases were traced. These were not school affiliated.
 3. Board discussion on MAVEN statistics; inconsistencies, reporting, etc.
 4. Heather Butler had inquired at Task Force meeting about keeping Town Hall open during period of increased COVID numbers.
 1. Due to Early Voting, Town Hall must be accessible. Board discussion followed regarding Town Hall access while maintaining health/safety precautions for voters and Town Hall employees.
 5. Per Sheryl Stanton, Mohawk Regional School District Superintendent, if a staff member or student is working fully remote and tests positive for COVID, the school will not report that information to staff.
 6. Randy will respond to the person who called regarding Anita Fritz's article in the Recorder on local COVID cases. He will explain the laws and guidelines which govern the dispensing of information, and reinforce that contact tracing will inform all impacted/necessary parties.
 7. In answer to what Boards of Health can do regarding local sports leagues, Randy answered that in Massachusetts responses are complaint driven. Those choosing to participate are unlikely to complain.
5. COVID - 19: Halloween
 1. Covered under Health Agent's report.
6. Review/process mail: Marti or Terry to collect from Town Hall - No mail to process.

7. Any other items not reasonably anticipated by Chairman 48 hours prior to meeting -
 1. Cat that had been in a fight must be put in quarantine.
 2. Regarding a dog's encounter with a skunk, dog was quarantined. Skunk was tested with a negative result. Dog was released.
 3. Final Flu Clinic numbers not yet confirmed. Event was well attended with Randy stating he heard attendance was around 427 (unconfirmed).
8. Public Comment - N/A
9. Adjourn the meeting - Terry moved to adjourn, seconded by Marti. Vote: Rich, yes; Marti, yes; Terry, yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Mary Bolduc, Boards' Clerk, November 17, 2020

The block contains two handwritten signatures. The top signature is in cursive and appears to read 'Mary Bolduc'. Below it is a second, more stylized signature, also in cursive, which is likely the signature of the second person mentioned in the list (Terry).