

**Buckland Board of Health  
Meeting Minutes  
December 15, 2020 6:30 p.m.  
Meeting Via Zoom**

**AGENDA**

1. Open the meeting.
2. Review/approve minutes November 17, 2020.
3. Health Agent Report: Randy Crochier or Lisa Danek Burke.
4. COVID-19:
  1. Cases, updates.
  2. New Governor's Orders/Rollback/Updated guidance/"[mass.gov/isol8](https://www.mass.gov/isol8)"
  3. Vaccine distribution timeline.
  4. Holiday messaging-content & delivery.
5. Review/process mail - Marti or Terry will collect from Town Hall.
6. Any other items not reasonably anticipated by Chairman 48 hours prior to meeting.
7. Public comment.
8. Adjourn the meeting.

**ATTENDEES**

Richard Warner - Board of Health Chairman  
Terry Estes - Board of Health Member  
Marti Taft-Ferguson - Board of Health Member  
Randy Crochier - Health Agent  
Mary Bolduc - Boards' Clerk

**MEETING**

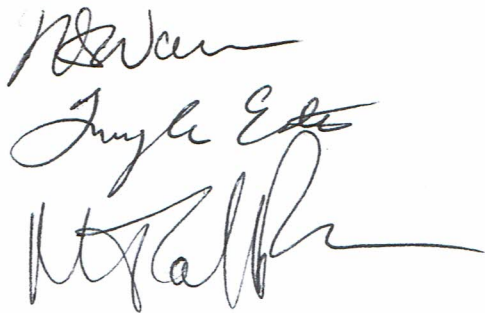
1. Open the meeting - Meeting opened at 6:40 p.m.
2. Review/approve minutes November 17, 2020 - Marti moved to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Rich. Vote: Marti, yes; Terry, yes; Rich, yes.
3. Health Agent Report - Report given by Randy Crochier.
  1. Number of COVID cases has increased in the area.
  2. Randy gave a review of case numbers, quarantines, interpreting statistics, and discrepancies in reporting.
  3. 34% of all Franklin County COVID cases have occurred since December 1st.
  4. Terry inquired about the status of heating in a rental house. Randy answered that he had made a site visit and it meets the required threshold for heat.
  5. Terry also asked about the addition to a home on the upper end of Bray Road; is the septic system sufficient? Randy responded that the system is adequate for the number of bedrooms in the home.

6. Marti reported that the BOH had received a phone call from a resident inquiring if their well water would be affected by buried cars and the presence of oil at 130 Charlemont Road. Should they have their water tested? Rich Warner and Lisa Danek Burke had made a field visit to that property and Rich suggested that Lisa would be a good resource to determine contamination relative to the well site.
4. COVID-19:
  1. Cases, updates - Covered in Health Agent Report.
  2. New Governor's Orders, etc. -
    1. Board reviewed the new Governor's orders, noting that houses of worship will be limited to 40% capacity vs 50%, and seated customers in restaurants (eating on premises) are limited to 90 minutes or less.
  3. Vaccine distribution timeline -
    1. Phase I - Health care workers; long term care residents and staff; first responders; congregate care settings, residents and staff; home based health care workers; and health care workers doing non-COVID facing care.
    2. Phase II - Individuals w/2+ co-morbid conditions and/or age 75+; workers in certain sectors (education, grocery transit, etc); adults 65+; and individuals with one co-morbid condition.
    3. Phase III - general public.
  4. Holiday messaging, content & delivery - FRCOG offered wording to advise against extended family gatherings for the holidays. Board discussion followed on content. Heather Butler will print holiday advisory for Buckland to be distributed.
5. Review/process mail; Marti or Terry will collect from Town Hall - Received were:
  1. A septic pumping report for Stone Road which had been sent in error to Shelburne.
  2. Fire District results of water testing.
6. Any other items not reasonably anticipated by Chairman 48 hours prior to meeting -
  1. Brief Board discussion regarding treatment of area utility poles. It was suggested that it would have been a good idea for utility company to send a product sheet to Board of Health.
  2. Task Force meeting addressed the filming which will be taking place downtown including such locations as Town Hall, West End Pub, McCuskers, and The Mill. The Trolley Museum parking lot will be used by filming company, and possibly the Mohawk Trail parking lot as well. There are procedures/policies in place, and filming staff includes a public health liaison whose name and contact information Marti will forward to Terry and Rich.
  3. Superintendent of Schools Sheryl Stanton reported a positive response to the town hall meeting regarding transitioning to a hybrid model. The school is still preparing meals for remote students. The possibility of K-2nd grade students attending all day classes was considered, but the logistics of in-school lunch poses a problem. The district has reserved the right to roll out start date to January 19.



4. The subject of COVID holiday messaging was addressed again, emphasizing that warnings during the Thanksgiving holiday were not heeded. Another brief discussion followed and Marti is to call Heather to print the FRCOG poster illustrating a person's perceived social "bubble" vs their actual one based on contacts.
5. Randy and Board members reported feedback they had received on COVID testing at GCC.
7. Public comment - N/A
8. Adjourn the meeting - Marti moved to adjourn seconded by Terry. Vote: Marti, yes; Terry, yes; Rich, Yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Bolduc, Boards' Clerk, January 19, 2021



The block contains three handwritten signatures in cursive script. The top signature is the most legible and appears to read 'Mary Bolduc'. The middle signature is more stylized and appears to read 'Judy Edwards'. The bottom signature is also stylized and appears to read 'Rich Edwards'. The signatures are written in dark ink on a white background.