

**Buckland Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2021 6:30 p.m.
Meeting Via Zoom**

AGENDA

- I. Open Meeting.
- II. Review/approve minutes January 19, 2021.
- III. Health Agent Report: Randy Crochier or Lisa Danek Burke.
- IV. COVID-19:
 - A. Cases, updates.
 - B. Vaccine rollout: updates and actions, Mohawk clinic(s).
 - C. Other issues - regs/guidance, transfer station.
- V. Buckland Abandoned Housing Task Force meeting 2/11/21- report.
- VI. Other current Buckland housing issues.
- VII. Red Gate Farm - future program expansion - discussion.
- VIII. Upcoming Shared Services Grant - survey.
- IX. Petition re: vaccinating librarians in Phase 2. Discuss and sign y/n?
- X. Allocation of Board functions & tasks.
- XI. Review/process mail - Marti or Terry will collect from Town Hall.
- XII. Any other items not reasonably anticipated by Chairman 48 hours prior to meeting.
- XIII. Public Comment.
- XIV. Adjourn the meeting.

ATTENDEES

Richard Warner - Board of Health Chairman
 Terry Estes - Board of Health Member
 Marti Taft-Ferguson - Board of Health Member
 Lisa Danek Burke - Health Agent
 Peggy Hart - Resident
 Mary Bolduc - Boards' Clerk

MEETING

- I. Open meeting - Meeting was opened by Chairman Richard Warner at 6:32 p.m.
- II. Review/approve minutes January 19, 2021 - Board members reviewed minutes, and made corrections. Rich moved to approve as corrected, seconded by Marti. Vote: Terry, yes; Rich, yes; Marti, yes.
- III. Health Agent Report - Lisa Danek Burke reported.
 - A. Application received for perc test at 153 East Buckland Road, but no test date has been set yet.
 - B. Brief update on food permits. Unsure of Eagles permit status; Lisa believes they have been communicating with Randy and will have update for next meeting.
 - C. Overall, things quiet in permit arena; Lisa and Randy have been helping on contact tracing. The expected uptick in COVID cases following the Super Bowl never really materialized. Currently one active case in Buckland and a couple of contacts.

- D. Gave update on vacant and abandoned housing, covering status of existing inventory and properties that were added; she has done drive-bys and taken photographs. When snow recedes, Lisa will schedule a time with Rich Warner for site visits.

IV. COVID-19:

- A. Cases, updates - Covered in Health Agent Report.
- B. Vaccine rollout: updates and actions, Mohawk clinic(s) -
 - 1. Mohawk clinic will be held on Wednesday, February 24, and Saturday, February 27 in the small gymnasium at the school; registration will be available on Friday, February 19. The Senior Center is offering to help people over 75, and Life Path also has a number to call for those needing help with registration.
 - 2. Maximum number of doses for clinic will be 250 for each day; must use at least 85% of allocated doses or state will not replace that allocation.
 - 3. Dena Willmore, Select Board Chair, was present at task force meeting and approved use of robocall to notify residents of clinic.
 - 4. Discussion on MRC (Medical Reserve Corps) certification for vaccine volunteers including timeline for certification and number of certified persons available for local clinics.
 - 5. Overview given of process from ordering vaccine to putting it in system, online registration, provisions for cancellation due to weather, and any plan for left over doses.
 - 6. Only Jon Zon Community Center in Greenfield and FRCOG are ordering entities for community clinics.
 - 7. Board discussion on vaccine distribution for homebound patients with an emphasis on how to identify them.
- C. Other issues - regs, guidance, transfer station.
 - 1. Question was raised if letter had been sent regarding non-compliance with masking regulations at transfer station. It is believed to have been hand delivered to ensure it was received.
 - 2. Rich reported one active COVID case in Buckland (as stated in Health Agent Report). That person will "time out" soon with last day of quarantine being February 19. There was one household member, and several work contacts that were not in Buckland or in FRCOG jurisdiction.

- V. Buckland Abandoned Housing Task Force meeting 2/11/21, report - Covered in Health Agent report on Vacant and Abandoned Housing.

VI. Other current Buckland housing issues.

- A. A uninhabitable house on Ashfield Road has been reported as being occupied. Action is needed by the Board or a Health Agent and may require police escort.
- B. Someone is reported living in an outbuilding on Conway Street. Lisa Danek Burke will follow up and update Board at next meeting.
- C. A possible foreclosure was discussed for an Ashfield Road property. Board members and Health Agent addressed the possibility of assistance resources available to owners.

VII. Red Gate Farm - future program expansion, discussion -

- A. Ben Murray was not present but will be invited to the March meeting, at which time he can report details of his plans and answer questions from the Board.
 - B. Due to planned program expansion Red Gate Farm will no longer be able to be classified as a camp. What type of entity will it then be considered and what will the Board's role be? Could it possibly come under the jurisdiction of the Department of Education? To be continued at next meeting.
- VIII. Upcoming Shared Services Grant, survey - CPHS to survey Boards of Health for ideas/priorities for use of grant monies. At CPHS meeting, ideas such as health care access and ways to improve service were discussed.
- IX. Petition re: vaccinating librarians in Phase 2. Discuss and sign y/n? -
- A. Board reviewed the petition sent to Governor Baker for vaccinating librarians in Phase 2. Board members all expressed support for the petition and willingness to sign.
 - B. Marti signed the [change.org](https://www.change.org) petition for the Board (and as a Board), noting Richard Warner as Chair.
- X. Allocation of Board functions and tasks.
- A. Board member responsibilities and time availability were discussed: what they currently are, and how can they can be redistributed.
 - B. Peggy Hart asked for a list of meetings needing coverage and other responsibilities that she could volunteer for in an effort to relieve Board members.
 - C. Discussion covered whether or not being a Board member was a requirement for some duties.
 - D. Terry Estes asked Peggy if she was looking to fill out a term on the Board, or volunteer as a temporary relief to members. He stated that he could make his seat available for someone to fill out his term.
 - E. Rich Warner has been approached to run for another term. He is happy to volunteer for clinics, etc. but would be willing to step aside as a Board member in favor of someone with more time availability.
- XI. Review/process mail; Marti or Terry will collect from Town Hall - Mail received:
- A. Report on inspection of Transfer Station.
 - B. Notice that water was shut off at 27 State Street which is currently unoccupied.
 - C. Perc test for property at 102 Charlemont Road.
- XII. Any other items not reasonably anticipated by Chairman 48 hours prior to meeting -
- A. Board discussed ability to communicate with Peggy Hart regarding assignments she could be given. Restrictions that apply to Board members communicating outside of a meeting do not apply to Ms. Hart as a volunteer.
 - B. Marti stated that she wants to remain a member of the BOH, but needs to step away from current load.
 - C. Rich Warner thanked Marti for all she has done. Lisa added, as an example, that there are multiple people on a DPH call. so if a Board member misses a call, they are covered by Health Agents who can relay the information.
- XIII. Public comment - N/A
- XIV. Adjourn the meeting - Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Bolduc, Boards' Clerk, March 16, 2021

