

Buckland Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2019 7:00 p.m.
Buckland Town Hall

Approved by:

Terry A. Estes
W. Taft-Ferguson
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AGENDA

1. Open meeting.
2. Health Director's report.
3. Review June meeting minutes and approve.
4. Nuisance burning in village. Alan Seewald, attorney, to attend/present on behalf of Buckland client.
5. Discuss MTWP opt-in/out presentation by S. Kontrabecki, Buckland's rep to Select Board 7/23/19.
6. Discuss: Pesticide spraying by utilities and possible town-wide ban of Round-up/ glyphosate.
7. Discuss recent state action regarding restrictions on hemp derived CBD products.
8. Open and process mail.
9. Any items not reasonably anticipated by Chair 48 hours prior to meeting.
10. Public comment.
11. Adjourn the meeting.

ATTENDEES

Richard Warner, Chairman
Terry Estes, Member
Marti Taft-Ferguson, Member
Andrea Crete, Health Director, FRCOG
Heather Butler, Buckland Town Administrator
Herb Guyette, Fire Chief
Ellen Kaufman, Buckland Energy Committee
Margaret Olin, Buckland Energy Committee
Alan Seewald, Attorney
Janet Sinclair, Buckland Resident
Madeline Liebling, Buckland Resident
Jim Perry, Shelburne
Mary Bolduc, Board Clerk

MEETING

1. Open meeting - Meeting opened at 7:04 p.m.
2. Health director's report - Nothing new to report this month.

3. Review June meeting minutes and approve - Board reviewed minutes. Rich moved to approve. Terry seconded. Vote to approve was unanimous.
4. Nuisance burning in village. Alan Seewald, attorney, to attend/present on behalf of Buckland client -
 1. Attorney Seewald introduced himself and his client. He stated his client's case relative to nuisance burning in the village, the negative impact it has on his client and what he perceives is the Board of Health's obligation to abate that nuisance as well as its overall authority as a board.
 2. BOH members responded throughout relative to the Board's responsibility and the impact of possible solutions on other residents.
 3. Town Administrator Heather Butler made clear the advice of town counsel which was to take the position of Attorney Seewald's client under advisement. This meeting was not about engaging in legal discussion or reaching a decision. It was for Attorney Seewald and his client to present their case.
5. Discuss MTWP opt-in/out presentation by S. Kontrabecki, Buckland's representative to select board 7/23/19 -
 1. Board members expressed their individual opinions regarding MTWP and the reasons supporting their positions. Though opposed to MTWP, it is their collective opinion that it is important Buckland's voice in the Partnership be heard.
 2. Board discussion followed including others in attendance. It was noted that all towns that have thus far opted in have done so by select board, not by town meeting.
 3. Janet Sinclair is to send Marti language regarding a letter/petition stating Partnership cannot engage in Biomass plants/burning. Marti moved to sign as a board. Terry seconded the motion. Vote to sign was unanimous.
6. Discuss: Pesticide spraying by utilities and possible town-wide ban of Round-up/ glyphosate sales -
 1. Short discussion of railroad and power company practices.
 2. Jo Comerford and Natalie Blais are starting momentum at state level for banning Round-up/glyphosate products. BOH could craft town-wide ban but would be difficult to enforce.
 3. Terry to contact Jo Comerford and Adam Hinds for further information/discussion.
7. Discuss recent state action regarding restrictions on hemp derived CBD products -
 1. Dispensaries can still sell.
 2. Local BOH's may have authority to decide whether or not to enforce.
 3. Measures filed in House to reverse, overturn restrictions.
 4. Board discussion.
8. Open and process mail - Mail opened and processed.
9. Any items not reasonably anticipated by Chair 48 hours prior to meeting - N/A
10. Public Comment - Public participated in Agenda Items 4, 5, and 6 discussions.
11. Adjourn the meeting - Rich moved to adjourn. Marti seconded. Vote to adjourn unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by MLB 8/14/19