

**Buckland Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2021 6:30 p.m.
Meeting Via Zoom**

Agenda

- I. Open the meeting.
- II. Review/approve minutes for March 16 2021.
- III. Health Agent Report: Randy Crochier or Lisa Danek Burke.
- IV. CPHS Title V Inspection Policy changes - review.
- V. 65-67 Prospect Street ZBA Special Permit Application - review.
- VI. COVID 19:
 - A. Cases, updates.
 - B. Vaccination:
 1. Clinics - changing models
 2. Messaging and Information
 3. Summer Camps
 4. Library
 5. Schools, going forward
- VII. Review, process mail - Marti will collect from Town Hall.
- VIII. Any other items not reasonably anticipated by Chairman 48 hours prior to meeting.
- IX. Public Comment.
- X. Adjourn the meeting.

Attendees

Richard Warner - Board of Health Chairman
Marti Taft-Ferguson - Board of Health Member
Peggy Hart - Board of Health Member
Randy Crochier - FRCOG Health Agent
Mary Bolduc - Boards' Clerk
Ben Murray - Farm Director, Red Gate Farm and Buckland Resident

Meeting

- I. Open the meeting - Chairman Richard Warner opened the meeting at 6:35 p.m.
- II. Review/approve minutes for March 16, 2021 - Minutes not reviewed at this meeting.
- III. Health Agent Report: Randy Crochier or Lisa Danek Burke - Report given by Randy Crochier -
 - A. Regarding filming in town, there were three complaints the first night, then none going forward. The filming company was recognized for their outstanding COVID protocols.
 - B. Buckland Public Library was also commended for their COVID re-opening plan.
 - C. In addition to masking, new regulations in schools require distancing of 3 feet for greater than 15 minutes in a classroom or bus.
 - D. After meeting with owner of 65-67 Prospect Street, Randy and Lisa understand concerns expressed by building inspector and ZBA.

3. Summer camps - Ben Murray addressed the Board regarding his plans for Red Gate Farm's summer camp. He gave an overview and answered Board members' questions. Discussion involved the category under which he is applying to operate (recreational camp), accommodations for meal time, over night enrollment to be capped at 24, and availability for COVID testing. Randy Crochier is comfortable with the plans Ben presented and is confident he will execute accordingly. Rich Warner also expressed support for Red Gate Farm's proposed camp regulations.
 4. Buckland Public Library - Randy visited the library and reported on the changes made prior to re-opening. Visitors will be limited to three at a time, though by code the building could accommodate more. All seating has been removed, and computer availability has been reduced. Any items returned or handled must go into quarantine for 24 hours. Vaccination status of librarian and assistant was also given.
 5. Schools, going forward - Grammar school is now full time in person, with middle and high school to follow on first Monday in May. Twenty-one picnic tables were borrowed by the town to avail students of the opportunity to eat outside. Outdoor lunches were discussed, particularly for BSE students due to staffing. When asked what the Board can do to support the schools, Randy replied that the schools feel well supported.
- VII.** Review/process mail; Marti will collect from Town Hall - Mail included property damage claims, and certified mail regarding Pan Am's vegetative management spraying. All mail was for informational purposes with no action required by Board.
- VIII.** Any other items not reasonably anticipated by Chairman 48 hours prior to meeting -
- A. Mosquito spraying was revisited. Randy informed members that if Buckland opts out of spraying he will assist with writing a plan. Members expressed need for continued discussion before making a recommendation to Select Board.
 - B. The official posting site for meetings is still the bulletin board at Town Hall, but is changing soon to town website.
- IX.** Public comment - N/A
- X.** Adjourn the meeting - Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Bolduc, Boards' Clerk, May 18, 2021



- E. Mosquito spraying was addressed, with emphasis on the town's choice to opt in or out of state spraying; if Buckland opts in, state can spray at will. Board discussion included the incidence of EEE and West Nile Virus, chemicals and methods used for spraying, the role of the Mosquito Control District, and what action is being taken by other area towns. Heather Butler will wait for a Board of Health discussion/decision before including mosquito spraying on the Select Board agenda. The BOH must decide on a recommendation, and, if opting out, draft a plan for the Select Board to submit to the state.
- F. Regarding housing:
 - 1. The health agent visited 277 Ashfield Road, and found it difficult to determine if it is being used as a residence.
 - 2. 27 Sears Street was re-inventoried.
 - 3. 89 State Street was supposed to be auctioned on April 7; no further information yet available.
 - 4. Avery Road property is trying to obtain a purchase and sale agreement. Title V, last done in 2005, must be done again in accordance with procedures set forth for Title V in 2006.
- G. Re-opening of the Bridge of Flowers (BOF) was discussed. Noting concerns of the BOF committee, Board members and Randy expressed their thoughts/ concerns and recommendations should it open. The narrow pathway has the greatest impact on distancing even if one way traffic is enforced. Possibilities for policing using volunteers was covered. Randy will walk the Bridge with a BOF committee member and advise.
- IV. CPHS Title V Inspection Policy changes - Randy noted that about 95% of septic tanks need pumping when property is sold. Brief Board discussion followed regarding policy. Item will be on CPHS meeting agenda to officially approve.
- V. 65 -67 Prospect Street ZBA Special Permit Application, review - As cited in the health agent's report, Randy and Lisa met with property owner. ZBA reported that owner is not always compliant and therefore made the health agent and BOH aware of current special permit request. The upstairs apartment has been rented without a kitchen. Upstairs drawings provide for same as downstairs with the exception of snack bar plans instead of a kitchen. To rent, there must be a kitchen complete with stove, sink, and refrigerator.
- VI. COVID-19 -
 - A. Cases, updates - Buckland was listed as having one case on latest summary, but that case timed out on April 18. Randy reported that the number of cases appears to be declining.
 - B. Vaccination:
 - 1. Clinics, changing models - Spoke clinics have closed. Currently, vaccine availability is via drive through clinic at GCC. The trend is pivoting from not enough vaccine to appointments not filling as rapidly. As of Monday, April 19, everyone of age in Massachusetts is eligible to be vaccinated; children are not counted in unvaccinated statistics.
 - 2. Messaging and information - Brief Board discussion on closing of spoke clinics, sites currently available, and interpreting statistics.

