

Buckland Board of Health Minutes
Friday, April 23 2021 8:00 a.m.

1. Open the meeting.
2. Review/approve minutes March 16, 2021.
3. Municipal Opt-out of Mosquito Spraying: Board recommendation to Select Board
4. Any other items not reasonably anticipated by Chairman 48 hours prior to meeting.
5. Public Comment.
6. Adjourn the meeting.

Present:

Richard Warner, BOH Chair
Marti Ferguson, BOH Member
Peggy Hart, BOH Member

Meeting was opened at 8:03 am.

Minutes, March 16, 2021: M Ferguson moved to approve the Minutes of March 16, R. Warner seconded. Minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

Municipal Opt-out of Mosquito Spraying: Board members discussed the process and requirements of Municipal Opt-out of Mosquito Spraying as permitted by the State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board under the *Act to Mitigate Arbovirus in the Commonwealth*. There is much to learn, review, and many questions to answer. The Board decided to recommend to the Select Board, at its April 27 2021 meeting, that they proceed along a path of opting out, as no action on their part at this time would effectively opt the town "in". Additionally it was decided that Board members would research the topic of mosquito spraying, would meet again before the May 15 deadline, and would assist the Select Board in formulating an Alternate Mitigation Plan in the event that the Select Board chooses to opt-out. The submission of such a plan is required by the State as a condition of opting out.

Other Items:

- Annette Szpila, Chair of the Bridge of Flowers Committee, has reached out to the BOHs in both Buckland and Shelburne for advice and guidance about reopening the Bridge this spring or early summer. Marti urged her to meet with Randy C. for an onsite consultation, and Peggy has forwarded MDAR grant information ("Destinations" program) in case they want to consider using grant monies to hire staff for monitoring or enforcing masking and distancing on the Bridge.

- Marti informed members about upcoming ServSafe training being planned through the FRCOG. The training will be largely virtual with in-person Choke Saver demonstration and exams. Also, there will now be an option for Board of Health members to audit ServSafe training free-of-charge.

Public Comment: n/a

Meeting was Adjourned at 8:34 am

Respectfully submitted,

Marti Ferguson, Buckland BOH



Peggy Hunt

