

**Buckland Board of Health  
Meeting Minutes  
May 18, 2021 6:30 p.m.  
Meeting Via Zoom**

**Agenda**

- I. Open the meeting.
- II. Review/approve minutes April 20, 2021 and May 4, 2021.
- III. Health Agent Report: Randy Crochier or Lisa Danek Burke.
- IV. 134 Clesson Brook Road: Drainage/runoff issues.
- V. Mosquito mitigation: State plan opt out and alternate plan development.
- VI. MTWP - review and discuss Town opt in/ opt out.
- VII. Board Reorganization.
- VIII.COVID-19:
  - A. Cases, updates.
  - B. Vaccination, regional.
  - C. Reopening - businesses, guidance, masking, etc.
- IX. Review/process mail - Marti will collect from Town Hall.
- X. Any other items not reasonably anticipated by Chairman 48 hours prior to meeting.
- XI. Public Comment.
- XII. Adjourn the Meeting.

**Attendees**

Richard Warner - Board of Health Chair  
 Marti Taft-Ferguson - Board of Health Member  
 Peggy Hart - Board of Health Member  
 Dean Singer - Resident, Member-elect to BOH  
 Randy Crochier - Health Agent, FRCOG  
 Lisa Danek Burke - Health Agent, FRCOG  
 Pamela Guyette - Resident, 134 Clesson Brook Road  
 Herb Guyette - Resident, 134 Clesson Brook Road  
 Mary Bolduc - Boards' Clerk

**Meeting**

- I. Open the meeting - Marti opened the meeting at 6:34 p.m.
- II. Review/approve minutes April 20, 2021 and May 4, 2021.
  - A. April 20, 2021 Minutes - Marti moved to approve, seconded by Peggy. Vote: Peggy, yes; Marti, yes; Richard, yes.
  - B. May 4, 2021 minutes - several edits, corrections made. Peggy moved to accept as amended, seconded by Richard. Vote: Richard, yes; Peggy, yes; Marti, yes.
- III. Health Agent Report -
  - A. Lisa reported that due to real estate sales, health agents have been busy with Title V inspections and perc tests.
  - B. Status of septic system from the 1930's at an Upper Street property discussed.
  - C. Red Gate Farm and Buckland Recreation area preparing for season.

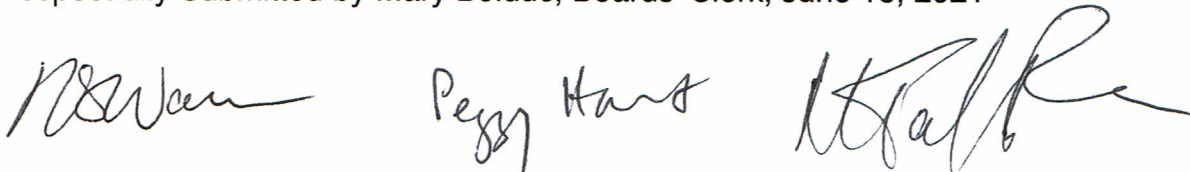


- D. A 5 acre property on Avery Road with pending purchase and sale was discussed. Lisa reported that at this point there is nothing for the Board of Health to act on.
  - E. Randy reported that registration for summer camp at Buckland Recreation Area is slow. They cannot compete with the grant funded Mohawk camp which is being offered at no cost. Mohawk camp for third grade and younger will be held at BS Regional on Mechanic Street in Shelburne. Older campers will go to Mohawk Trail Regional, except for Fridays when they will be at the Rec Area. (Rec camp is scheduled Monday - Thursday).
  - F. Format of the Mohawk Camp was discussed in terms of what it most closely identifies with, a summer camp or an educational program. If not a camp, then is not a Board of Health issue, but if it is, then is subject to local oversight. BS Regional would be overseen by Shelburne, and Mohawk location by the Buckland BOH.
  - G. Randy to visit Red Gate Farm to discuss new COVID rules. Ben Murray also needs letter from Randy to submit with a grant application.
  - H. A Sears Street resident inquired about a noise ordinance due to sound of a leaf blower; several attempts have been made to contact her, but were unsuccessful.
- IV. 134 Clesson Brook Road: Drainage, run-off issues.
- A. Pamela Guyette gave an overview of drainage/runoff from neighbor's property (136 Clesson Brook) which has been a problem since the Guyettes moved to 134 Clesson Brook Road in August of 2000. They would like drainage through their yard remediated. Neighboring property (136) was built by Pamela's uncle with a metal septic tank and orangeburg pipe; some areas of pipe have surfaced. Due to the appearance of runoff emanating from that property, there is the possibility of a cellar drain not connected to septic, which drains separately and into the Guyette yard.
  - B. Pamela reached out to the FRCOG health agents; Lisa Danek Burke met with Pam on site on April 9, 2021. She observed water with broken pieces of PVC pipe flowing through a ditch on the Guyette property, Lisa recommends doing a file review of 134, 136, and 138 Clesson Brook Road; Conservation Commission report from 2019 states that it appeared drainage began at 138 Clesson Brook Road. After reviewing materials from the files of the three properties, health agents and BOH members will decide on a course of action. Lisa stated that the BOH can compel a septic inspection if deemed necessary. To be continued at next meeting.
- V. Mosquito mitigation: state plan opt out and alternate plan development -
- A. Lisa Danek Burke gave an overview of the Select Board meeting regarding mosquito control. MTWP was taken off the warrant and the option to join the mosquito control district was added in its place for Annual Town Meeting.
  - B. Board discussion followed, including: more from the SB meeting; Randy's recap of how Gill is approaching mitigation and the various persons/backgrounds involved in drafting their plan.
  - C. Buckland BOH draft must be complete by Tuesday, May 25. Heather Butler sent an email to the Board, and Peggy is to meet with her on Monday to finalize mitigation plan. Randy asked Marti to forward Heather's email to him.



- D. Marti moved to designate Peggy as BOH member to continue working on draft, seconded by Rich Warner. Vote: Marti, yes; Rich, yes; Peggy, yes.
- VI. MTWP - review and discuss Town opt in/opt out -
  - A. Marti reviewed Hank Art's MTWP presentation to the Select Board; opting in cannot be until 2023.
  - B. As stated in Agenda Item V, MTWP article has been removed from Annual Town Meeting Warrant.
- VII. Board Reorganization -
  - A. Dean Singer and Peggy Hart need swearing in; Peggy recommended doing it after July 1. Lisa Danek Burke reported that Boards reorganize once a year after newly elected members start their terms. Marti is to confirm with Heather.
- VIII.COVID-19:
  - A. Cases, updates - Because 2 cases timed out, only two current cases remained. One break through case had been reported.
  - B. Vaccination, regional - Statistics given for GCC clinic, number of doses given, another 900+ scheduled for Thursday and Friday (May 20 & 21), then the following week the clinic will close. 85% of eligible persons in Franklin County have been vaccinated.
  - C. Reopening: businesses, guidance, masking, etc -
    - 1. Some expressed concern over reopening. Randy gave overview of masking, where and when needed/not needed.
    - 2. Emergency order expires on June 15, 2021.
    - 3. No more restaurant restrictions regarding capacity, effective May 29.
    - 4. Merchants can still require masking for their business. A municipality can impose stricter guidelines than state, but enforcement is responsibility of that city or town.
    - 5. Brief Board discussion on variants.
    - 6. Contact tracing will continue.
- IX. Review/process mail ; Marti will collect from Town Hall - Received Consumer Confidence Report for 2020 regarding quality of public water.
- X. Any other items not reasonably anticipated by Chairman 48 hours prior to meeting - There were none.
- XI. Public Comment - None.
- XII. Adjourn the meeting - Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Bolduc, Boards' Clerk, June 15, 2021



The block contains three handwritten signatures. From left to right: 'Rich Warner', 'Peggy Hart', and 'Hank Art'. The signatures are in cursive and appear to be written in black ink.