

**Buckland Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
July 21, 2021 4:30 p.m.
Buckland Town Hall**

Agenda

- I. Open the meeting.
- II. Board Organization, including selection of Chair, selection of CPHS Representative and Alternate.
- III. Review minutes June 15, 2021.
- IV. Health Agent Report - Randy C or Lisa DB Housing issues:
 - A. 136 Clesson Brook Road
 - B. 28 Conway Street
 - C. 89 State Street.
 - D. Others?
- V. Alternative Mosquito Response Plan - next steps and activities.
- VI. Ticks - data, testing, education, and planning.
- VII. COVID - regional status, updates, projections.
- VIII. Review/process mail.
- IX. Any other items not reasonably anticipated by Chair 48 hours prior to meeting.
- X. Public Comment.
- XI. Adjourn the meeting.

Attendees

Marti Taft Ferguson - Board of Health Chair
Peggy Hart - Board of Health Member (attended remotely)
Dean Singer - Board of Health Member
Randy Crochier - FRCOG Health Agent
Mary Bolduc - Boards' Clerk
Virginia Ray - Resident Abutting 89 State Street

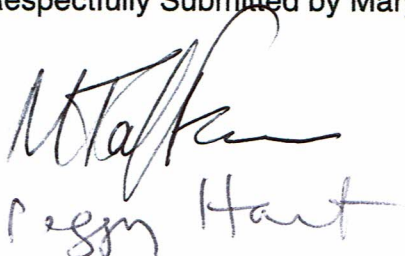
Meeting

- I. Open the meeting - Meeting was opened by Marti Ferguson at 4:33 p.m.
- II. Board Organization including selection of Chair, selection of CPHS Representative and Alternate -
 - A. Peggy Hart nominated Marti Taft-Ferguson for Chair, seconded by Dean Singer. Vote in favor of motion: Peggy, yes; Dean, yes; Marti, yes.
 - B. Randy explained the function of the CPHS oversight board, and Marti, currently co-chair of the oversight board, spoke of her experiences in that capacity and as a member. Marti recommended that Peggy or Dean be an alternate. Dean moved that Marti remain the representative and Peggy be alternate. Peggy seconded. Vote in favor of motion: Marti, yes; Dean, yes; Peggy, yes.

- III. Review minutes June 15, 2021 - Marti was only Board member present at June 15 meeting which did not constitute a quorum; no vote could be taken. Former BOH member and Chair, Richard Warner, also present at the June 15 meeting, will be asked to review minutes; he and Marti will sign.
- IV. Health Agent Report: Randy C or Lisa DB Housing Issues - Randy gave an overview of applications submitted regarding Title V, wells, and temporary lodging. He also reported on inspections at Red Gate Farm and explained that he and Lisa Danek Burke conduct non-medical related inspections while Lisa White, R.N. does those that are medical. Randy read an email regarding PFAS testing, gave further details on what exactly it is, and the current status of well testing for PFAS. He recommended a presentation to which the Board members should avail themselves.
 - A. 136 Clesson Brook Road - Letter requesting Title V by mid-August went out last Wednesday. Marti will forward letter to Board members.
 - B. 28 Conway Street - Lisa and Randy met Marti at that address. The owner will allow them on the property at the end of August.
 - C. 89 State Street - Randy gave a timeline of the Board's involvement with this property which the owner has relinquished; it is now owned by Bank of America, constituting a change in lending institutions. Discussion followed including change in bank, foreclosure procedures, and conditions previously set. Randy also recapped restrictions for agents accessing and assessing properties.
 - 1. Virginia Ray, owner of property abutting 89 State Street addressed the Board. She expressed her frustrations/concerns over lack of timeliness in the vacant and abandoned property process to reach a resolution for 89 State Street. She outlined her involvement from when she first addressed the BOH until now, pointing out the inconvenience and negative impacts she has experienced as a result of the neglected property at 89 State Street; trash, overgrown vegetation, feral cats and other wildlife taking up residence, and the fact that she pays for the driveway to be plowed and yard weed whacked to enable access to her own property. She detailed the unpleasantness of the situation, its potential effect on the value of her property, and lack of information regarding her concerns.
 - 2. Randy explained the process from his position as a health agent, addressing some of Ms. Ray's concerns. Marti added that the Board cannot regularly report to abutters or concerned citizens regarding ongoing issues, but will respond/update if someone contacts them.
 - D. Others?? Former Howes' property on Ashfield Road continues to be watched. There is activity but no apparent residency at this time.
 - 1. Randy also announced that another full time public health nurse has been hired at FRCOG, made possible through a Public Health Excellence grant. A third health agent will also be hired. Randy gave a brief background on Meg Ryan, the nurse recently hired, and with the addition of another health agent, he explained their roles and allocation of duties.
- V. Alternative Mosquito Response Plan: next steps and activities -
 - A. The Plan has been approved by the State. Marti updated Dean on the timeline of the mosquito control plan, decision to opt out of spraying, etc.

- B. Randy read from the Town of Gill acceptance letter, focusing on what to expect for next year. Discussion followed including why spraying is not effective and the lack of data on long term effects.
- C. One requirement is to provide outreach; the Mosquito Control District helps provide programs, education, etc. Marti suggested that Jeanette Voas be invited to next BOH meeting to give the Board a presentation on tick and mosquito borne illnesses and outreach.
- D. Peggy is to review Buckland's mosquito plan and discuss with the Select Board.
- VI. Ticks: data, testing, education activity planning -
 - A. Board discussed the presence of various species of ticks, resources for tick testing, and the advantage of Buckland purchasing a quantity of subsidized tick tests.
 - B. Peggy moved that Buckland purchase a specified number of tests, seconded by Dean. Further discussion followed including value of collecting tick data, proper identification of ticks, and interpreting results of tick tests. Regarding earlier motion by Peggy to purchase a specific number of tick tests, Marti recommended that 20 tests be purchased. Vote on motion to purchase tick tests (twenty): Dean, yes; Marti, yes; Peggy, yes.
- VII. COVID: regional status, updates, projections - There was Board discussion regarding increased presence of COVID in the news and what another wave might mean in terms of precautions and outreach.
- VIII. Review/process mail - An application for work at 67 Prospect Street was denied; a fence for Ms. Radish at 69 Prospect Street was approved; and there were two septic pumping reports. Marti will show Dean where the BOH mailbox is and give him the code to enter the office.
- IX. Any other items not reasonably anticipated by Chair 48 hours prior to meeting - Peggy reported an email inquiring about the existence of a noise ordinance in Buckland, and related complaint of the sound of neighboring yard equipment; complainant is sensitive to noise. Board discussion followed including: hours at which the disturbance is occurring; the fact there is no noise ordinance in Buckland; the possibility that the noise is being caused by multiple households/neighbors given the density of the neighborhood; responsibility of resident to initiate process for desired ordinance; and viewing public health as a whole, what is best and reasonable for entire town vs one resident. It was suggested that the email be reviewed with related phone messages and mail correspondence to evaluate. Randy stated that he had replied to a message from complainant but never heard back.
- X. Public Comment - There was no public comment.
- XI. Adjourn the meeting - Meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Bolduc, Boards' Clerk, August 17, 2021



Mary Bolduc