

Buckland Board of Health  
Meeting Minutes  
August 14, 2019 7:00 p.m.  
Buckland Town Hall

## **AGENDA**

1. Open the meeting.
2. Health Director's report.
3. Review July meeting minutes and approve.
4. CPHS/Health Agent hiring process.
5. Nuisance burning in village - consideration of July meeting points w/Attorney Seewald
6. Review: MTWP presentation at 7/23/19 Select Board meeting.
7. Housekeeping: BOH files in Buckland Town Hall shared office.
8. Open and process mail.
9. Any other items not reasonably anticipated by Chairman 48 hours prior to meeting.
10. Public comment.
11. Adjourn the meeting.

## **ATTENDEES**

Richard Warner, Chairman BOH  
Terry Estes, Member  
Marti Taft-Ferguson, Member  
Andrea Crete, Health Agent FRCOG  
Mary Bolduc, Board Clerk

## **MEETING**

1. Open the meeting - Meeting opened at 7:03 p.m.
2. Health Director's report -
  1. Discussion on Certificate of Compliance for septic to barn located a Buckland residence. Property file was located but completed certificate could not be found. Andrea gave suggestions for resolving problem and obtaining signed certificate.
  2. Discussion regarding duties of animal control officer vs large animal inspector. Topic of rabies covered, including quarantine times and responsibilities of reporting persons bitten by animals or any other potential rabies incident.
3. Review July meeting minutes and approve - Board reviewed minutes. Terry moved to approve. Marti seconded. Vote to approve July minutes was unanimous.

4. CPHS/Health agent hiring process - FRCOG Health Agent Andrea Crete is leaving to accept another position. The job description as she performed it and as it will be advertised was discussed.
5. Nuisance burning in village: consideration of July meeting points w/Attorney Seewald -
  1. In comparison, it was noted that the health director from Northampton reported only one complaint from smoke in six years, and that was due to a bad smell..
  2. Marti suggested Buckland investigate what other towns are doing regarding fire pits.
  3. Andrea said it is not a public health issue, it is an individual issue and suggested a referendum.
  4. Marti countered that some residents would disagree, arguing that it is indeed a public health issue and should not be subject to public vote or referendum. Alan Seewald is aware wood burning stoves, however, are another issue and cannot be banned.
  5. Town Administrator Heather Butler advised the BOH that town counsel should be informed of the July meeting. Also, the Board should seek counsel's guidance in proceeding further.
  6. Dr. Warner informed the Board of the high incidence of asthma in Buckland Shelburne Elementary School students.
  7. The fact that new outdoor furnaces must meet more stringent state standards was stated.
  8. Marti will meet with Heather regarding her (Heather's) input from town counsel..
6. Review: MTWP presentation at 7/23/19 Select Board meeting - Janet Sinclair had given a presentation to select board at a previous meeting. Select board opted for whole town to consider and make decision (vote) at town meeting. There will be an informational meeting prior to town meeting.
7. Housekeeping: BOH files in Buckland Town Hall shared office - There is an ongoing project to consolidate documents by map and lot numbers. Board needs to assess other documents, folders, contents of BOH file drawers.
8. Open and process mail - Mail was opened and processed.
9. Any other items not reasonably anticipated by Chair 48 hours prior to meeting -
  1. Property for sale on Wellington Street still had an "Order to Vacate" placard affixed to it which had been brought to Marti's attention. Board discussion regarding placard and its contents. It was resolved that it did not need to still be affixed to the property.
  2. A letter to the BOH was read regarding a possible septic issue between neighbors on Clesson Brook Road. The matter had also been brought before the Conservation Commission. Brief discussion on septic systems and gray water. Heather determined a Title 5 inspection is in order, and gave guidelines to resolve the situation.
10. Public comment - N/A
11. Adjourn the meeting - Terry moved to adjourn. Marti seconded. Vote in favor of motion was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by MLB 9/11/19

Approved by:



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