

**Buckland Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
December 21, 2021 6:30 p.m
Meeting Via Zoom**

Agenda

- I. Open meeting.
- II. Board of Health Appointment
- III. Allocation of Board Functions/Tasks/Elect Chair
- IV. Review Previous Meeting Minutes
- V. Health Agent Report
- VI. COVID-19
 - A. Cases, updates
 - B. Other issues.
- VII. Mask Mandate
- VIII. Review/process Mail
- IX. Other Items Not Reasonably Anticipated by Chair 48 Hours in Advance of Meeting
- X. Public Comment
- XI. Adjourn

Attendees

Peggy Hart - Board of Health (BOH) Chair
 Dean Singer - BOH Member
 Terry Estes - BOH Member
 Mary Bolduc - Boards' Clerk

Meeting

- I. Open meeting - Meeting was opened by Peggy Hart at 6:31 p.m.
- II. Board of Health Appointment - Terry Estes was welcomed to the Board to fill a vacancy on an interim basis. Terry is a former BOH member with many years of experience.
- III. Allocation of Board Functions/Tasks/Elect Chair -
 - A. Dean Singer nominated Peggy Hart as Chair Person, seconded by Terry Estes. Vote in favor of the nomination was unanimous.
 - B. Tasks to be distributed are checking physical USPS mail, voicemail, and email.
 1. Peggy has been checking voicemail and volunteered to continue. Dean will be responsible for email, and Terry will pick up mail at Town Hall.
 2. Terry asked for a list of meetings attended by BOH members. He will do CPHS meetings or relieve Peggy to share the responsibility..
 3. Peggy has also attended FRCOG Roundtable meetings. Since that is not a voting body and CPHS is, she felt CPHS was more productive/beneficial to Board members if a choice had to be made.
 4. Peggy has attended as many DPH webinars as she could; Dean offered to do his best to help.
 5. Members will email each other if anything of timely importance occurs at the above referenced meetings/webinars.

6. The Board discussed changing their regular monthly meetings from the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. to an afternoon format. Dean is available Thursdays after 12:00 noon, or on Fridays. Terry stated that he preferred Thursdays. Peggy will check with Health Agents for their availability.
- IV. Review Previous Meeting Minutes - Dean moved to accept the November minutes as written, seconded by Peggy. Vote in favor of the motion: Dean, yes; Peggy, yes.
 - V. Health Agent Report -
 - A. Neither Randy Crochier nor Lisa Danek Burke were in attendance, so Peggy reported on COVID cases for November and December as reported by FRCOG including numbers for Buckland specifically.
 - B. Data on specific vaccines regarding break through cases was not available, but more detail will be available from contact tracing.
 - C. The Vax Bus will be at Buckland Shelburne Elementary School on Thursday, December 23. Appointments are still available offering first or second dose COVID vaccines as well as boosters; all three vaccines are offered.
 - D. Peggy has been following school COVID data, reporting not many cases overall but occurring more in family clusters vs school spread.
 - VI. COVID-19
 - A. Cases, updates.- This information was addressed under Health Agent Report.
 - B. Other issues.
 1. The Town of Buckland received 450 COVID home test kits. It is up to the BOH to determine the manner in which they will be distributed.
 2. The Task Force offered ideas for distribution, suggesting Senior Centers, Life Path, free and reduced lunch program recipients, and the Food Pantry. The school superintendent provided numbers of students qualifying for free and reduced lunches. Kits can be sent home from school as early as Thursday, December 23.
 3. Low income and senior residents are also given priority.
 4. Kits distributed through Life Path would go to Meals on Wheels recipients.
 5. Dr. Warner, as the only practitioner in Buckland, was given 30 test kits.
 6. Following Board discussion, the Mohawk Trail parking lot was decided upon as the site for the pop up event for handing out kits. The Food Pantry is not a viable site as they cannot hand out to only Buckland residents.
 7. Pop up event will be confirmed with school administration, and language for a robo-call was discussed. Numbers were also decided upon for each category of distribution.
 - VII. Mask Mandate - Peggy asked BOH members their opinion on continuing the mandate; both Terry and Dean were in favor of continuing due to current infection rates. Dean reported observing an increase in cases and concern in his practice, and Peggy referenced the State Mask Advisory issued that day, December 21, 2021. It was agreed to continue the mask mandate.
 - VIII. Review Mail -
 - A. Dean reported one mail complaint regarding Mohawk school lunches, and forwarded some emails to Randy at FRCOG which Randy addressed.
 - B. Peggy received an inquiry regarding cooking at home for the purpose of selling those goods; she referred the person to Randy.

- IX. Other Items Not reasonably Anticipated by Chair 48 Hours in Advance of Meeting -
There were no items.
- X. Public Comment - No public comment.
- XI. Adjourn meeting - With no further business, Peggy moved to adjourn, seconded by
Terry. Vote in favor of the motion was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Bolduc, Boards' Clerk, January 13, 2022

Peggy Hart
Terry Este