

**Buckland Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2022 4:30 p.m.
Meeting Via Zoom**

Agenda

- I. Open the Meeting.
- II. Review/approve Minutes.
- III. Health Agent Report: Randy Crochier or Lisa Danek Burke.
- IV. COVID-19:
 - A. Cases, updates.
 - B. Other issues - regs/guidance.
- V. Summer Camp applications/Red Gate Farm.
- VI. Discuss Board of Health (BOH) portion of Community Development Strategy:
 - A. Mosquito control: Opted out of state aerial spraying, and submitted an Alternative Mosquito Response Plan; held public meeting; state accepted plan.
 - B. Purchased tick test kits for use by town residents.
 - C. Hosted flu clinic.
 - D. COVID related work:
 1. Mandated mask wearing in public buildings, posted signs.
 2. Posted COVID info/updates on town website.
 3. Sent vaccination information postcard to all town residents.
 4. Hosted 2 COVID vaccination clinics.
 5. Distributed state supplied COVID rapid test kits.
 - E. Supported FRCOG in its Age Friendly Community Initiative information gathering.
- VII. BOH Regulations - Discuss and Update.
- VIII. Review and Process Mail; Someone Will Collect from Town Hall.
- IX. Any Other Items Not Reasonably Anticipated by Chair 48 Hours Prior to Meeting.
- X. Public Comment.
- XI. Adjourn the Meeting.

Attendees

Peggy Hart - Board of Health Chair
 Terry Estes - Board of Health Member
 Dean Singer - Board of Health Member - Absent
 Mary Bolduc - Boards' Clerk
 Randy Crochier - FRCOG Health Agent
 Timothy Bohonowicz - Resident

Meeting

- I. Open the Meeting - Peggy Hart, BOH Chair, opened the meeting at 4:30 p.m.
- II. Review/approve Minutes - Members reviewed minutes of the previous BOH meeting. Terry Estes moved to approve as written, seconded by Peggy Hart. Vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.
- III. Health Agent Report: Randy Crochier reported -

- A. Short Term Rentals are a current focus, while the pace of COVID related issues has temporarily slowed .
 - B. Red Gate Farm building permit has not yet been approved.
 - C. Randy stated that since licensing swimming pools is not a frequent event, he will need to look everything over closely. The design engineer lives in Gill, so he delivered plans to Randy for review.
 - D. Members of the Attorney General's office are in town for the Neighborhood Renewal Project and are going to address 89 State Street property.
 - E. Lisa and Randy did a walk-through of the Buckland Police Station and reported that the room designated there for use by FRCOG will work. There is also a room in Town Hall which is a consideration, at least temporarily.
- IV. COVID-19:
- A. Cases, updates - Terry Estes reported that there have been one to two cases per week since February BOH meeting, and warned of a new variant on the horizon.
 - B. Other issues - regs/guidance - See Agenda Item #7 for information regarding masking mandate.
- V. Summer Camp Applications/Red Gate Farm -
- A. Because of Red Gate Farm's current project to expand/improve their facility, variances and accommodations may be needed to provide adequate facilities for this year's summer camp/programs. As these needs arise and are addressed, they will require approval/voting by the Board of Health.
 - B. Terry Estes inquired about Red Gate's septic system; Randy Crochier responded, providing details and explaining that it is a complex system.
 - C. Peggy Hart asked if there will be other camps within the jurisdiction of the Board of Health. Randy replied that Mohawk is an educational program and does not answer to the Board of Health. The Buckland Recreation Area will be closed due to pool construction, and therefore no camp will be held there this summer.
- VI. Discuss BOH Portion of Community Development Strategy. The following areas have been identified:
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 - F. After addressing above items A-E, Peggy asked Terry and Randy for further input. It was agreed the list was pretty complete, but Peggy suggested that perhaps the Board could focus more energy on the Age Friendly Initiative, aiming to get more returns/input. She emphasized that not only the elderly need respond. Input from all age groups is welcome.

VII. BOH Regulations - Discuss and Update.

- A. The Buckland mask mandate has been changed to a recommendation, and Town Hall is open.
- B. Randy suggested updating tobacco and marijuana regulations, with the necessary public hearings being able to be scheduled as part of the Board's regular meeting(s). He noted that tobacco regulations have changed significantly.
- C. Randy reported that new well regulations will also be an area of concern, and it, too, will require a public hearing. He stated that multiple public hearings are difficult to address in one meeting, and suggested separate hearings for each item.
- D. Terry asked if well regulations will require testing for hydrocarbons. Randy replied that local regulations can add parameters if it is deemed that state/federal guidelines are not stringent enough.
- E. Terry also asked Randy if FRCOG might receive grant funding for well testing. Peggy added that greater than 60% of Buckland residents are on wells vs town water. She also inquired about the number of Short Term Rentals in Buckland and well testing/regulations for those properties. Randy will provide for Peggy to receive the Short Term Rental numbers. Brief discussion followed.

VIII. Review and Process Mail - Someone will Collect from Town Hall -

- A. Terry was unable to go to Town Hall, so there was no USPS mail to open/report.
 - B. Peggy stated that a few voicemails had been received, but nothing to report.
 - C. Dean was absent, therefore unable to report on Board of Health email.
- IX. Any Other Items Not Reasonably Anticipated by Chair 48 Hours Prior to Meeting - There were no items to report.
- X. Public Comment - Timothy Bohonowicz asked for Board of Health meetings to be held later in the day to enable more of the public to attend. Peggy Hart explained that the meeting times were decided on to accommodate the schedules of Board members.
- XI. Adjourn the Meeting - With no further business, Terry Estes moved to adjourn, seconded by Peggy Hart. Vote in favor of the motion was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Bolduc, Boards' Clerk, April 21, 2022

Peggy Hart
Terry Estes