

**Buckland Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 15, 2022 5:00 p.m.
Buckland Town Hall**

Agenda

- I. Open the meeting.
- II. Review/approve minutes for July meeting.
- III. Health Agent Report.
- IV. COVID-19: Cases, updates, regs/guidance.
- V. Kiln variance request - Molly Cantor.
- VI. Review/process mail - someone will collect from Town Hall.
- VII. Any other items not reasonably anticipated by Chairman 48 hours prior to meeting.
- VIII. Public Comment.
- IX. Adjourn the meeting.

Attendees

Peggy Hart - Board of Health Chair
Carmela Lanza-Weil - BOH Member
Kurt Schellenberg - FRCOG Health Agent
Mary Bolduc - Boards' Clerk

Peggy Hart 1/4/23
1.1.23

Meeting

- I. Open the meeting - Peggy Hart, Chair, opened the meeting at 5:04 p.m. Dean Singer's absence was noted and the likelihood of his resignation from the Board recognized. However, until formerly submitted, his seat cannot be advertised or filled.
- II. Review/approve minutes for July meeting - Carmela moved to approve the July 2022 minutes as written, seconded by Peggy. Vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.
- III. Health Agent Report -
 - A. Kurt reported that he could not find the Board of Health agenda; it needs to be listed on the BOH page, not just the town calendar. Carmela will work with Town Clerk Karen Blom to post agendas to BOH website. Peggy added that she also needs to hear from FRCOG if they have any feedback/additions/corrections for the agenda.
 - B. Timelines for hearings were discussed; Kurt and members are going to clarify posting protocols and deadlines for public hearings.
 - C. Kurt encouraged members to register for the October 6 CPHS dinner and presentation to be held at the Schuetzen Verein at Barton Cove in Gill. Families are invited to attend.
 - D. EEE and West Nile cases in Massachusetts are in Boston and Cape Cod with only 4 cases reported; Franklin County is a low risk area.

- E. Randy Crochier and Lisa Danek Burke will attend a conference addressing food, water and septic issues and will return with valuable information.
- F. There are current complaints including mice against the landlord of 50 Ashfield Street.
- G. There are new short term rentals at 24 Conway Street and 34 Crittenden Hill.
- H. Maureen O'Reilly, FRCOG epidemiologist, announced there would be flu vaccine clinics at Buckland Shelburne Elementary School and Mohawk Trail Regional. Board discussion followed regarding possible use of the town's robo-call to announce/advertise the clinics, access to posters from FRCOG, distribution of posters, and the most advantageous sites to post them.
- I. There will be a free event at Arms Library on September 20 regarding Narcan training, misuse of prescriptions, and opioid use disorder.
- J. Calls have been received regarding water restriction; Kurt recommended talking to the water commission. Discussion followed concerning the BOH role in water conservation considering much of the town is served by private wells. Kurt responded that when wells are low, bacteria numbers increase.
- IV. COVID-19: Cases, updates, regs/guidance -
 - A. Mohawk Regional School is not doing routine testing, only for symptomatic cases.
 - B. Carmela inquired if the results from the testing site at the Cooperative Bank are reported to FRCOG. Kurt replied that they are reported to MAVEN and FRCOG retrieves the data there.
 - C. Peggy stated that it is time to post a message for vaccines at the schools, locations of testing sites, and asked what else to include - CDC guideline perhaps? Discussion followed with clinics, sites, dates and links.
- V. Kiln Variance request - Molly Cantor -
 - A. Involved a kiln to be operated by a gas tank. BOH need not be notified, thus no variance/action from Board.
- VI. Review/process mail - someone will collect from Town Hall-
 - A. Carmela collected mail which contained septic pumping reports, perc test records; Information to be filed in appropriate property owner files.
- VII. Any other items not reasonably anticipated by Chairman 48 hours prior to meeting
 - A. John Gould inquired about reported sewage at cell tower site where he noticed effluence from a seasonal camp. Kurt will investigate when he returns to his office.
- VIII. Public comment - There was none.
- IX. Adjourn the meeting - With no further business, Carmela moved to adjourn, seconded by Peggy. Vote in favor of the motion was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Bolduc, Boards' Clerk, October 20, 2022