

# TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

March 9, 2021

## Vaccinations for Covid-19, Task Force Mailing

The Town's Covid-19 Task Force has organized a mailing of a postcard that will be sent to all Buckland households. The postcard will have important information about how and where to sign up for a Covid-19 Vaccination. The postcard template is attached to this report.

## Electricity Aggregation Mailing:

Colonial Energy will be sending a follow up mailing to residents as well. The mailing will be a "consumer notification letter and opt-out card" and will be sent to anyone in Town who is on Basic Service but hasn't already been mailed to. The postcard will go to everyone who is getting their power from eversource (on basic service) but were not part of the original mailing last year (and they returned the postcard to opt out of the aggregation). For example, residents who are new in town, residents who have ended a third party contract and switched back to Basic Service, etc.

The mailing informs residents about the Town's Program, shows them the savings over Basic Service and allows them a 30-day opt-out period before being automatically enrolled. What is important to note is that these are NOT people who opted out of the aggregation last year.

Just like last year, they are being notified that they will be moved into the aggregation unless they return the postcard, or make a telephone call that they don't want to be brought into the aggregation. This mailing of this type will be sent out next Monday, 3/15

I have included a helpful table below that shows how many mailings will be sent out for each Town subscribed to the to aggregation program.

MUNICIPALITY	# OF NEW ACCTS
BUCKLAND	64
CHARLEMONT	48
COLRAIN	41
CONWAY	40
DEERFIELD	171
GILL	27
HUNTINGTON	81
NEW SALEM	31
NORTHFIELD	86
SHELBURNE	70
SUNDERLAND	565
WARWICK	32
WHATELY	52

**Animal Control Bylaw Amendment Hearing:**

The Town hosted a public information session last Tuesday to allow residents to learn more about the proposed changes to the Town's Dog Bylaw. The changes are proposed by the Franklin County Sheriffs Office and the Animal Control Officer Kyle Dragon to streamline the bylaws on the books in each of the many Town's participating in the regional service.

There were approximately 10-12 residents on the call and everyone had excellent points and questions.

Kyle will be working on some revisions to the amendment and we anticipate having a follow up session before the Town Meeting. More information can be found on our website.

## COVID-19 VACCINE INFORMATION

Go to [www.mass.gov/Covid](http://www.mass.gov/Covid) , “when can I get the vaccine” to see if you are eligible

**Local clinics for Franklin County residents are rotating through Deerfield, Buckland, Bernardston, and Montague.**

**Times, dates, and locations-can be found by checking**

[www.town.buckland.ma.us](http://www.town.buckland.ma.us) or

[www.frcog.org](http://www.frcog.org)

Registration links will be released at these websites when they become available

For other regional clinics, see the state website: [www.vaxfinder.mass.gov](http://www.vaxfinder.mass.gov)  
(includes local pharmacy sites and mass vaccination clinics such as UMass Amherst & Springfield)

Phone help: Life Path (for seniors or those with disabilities) : 413 829-9285

No computer? FRCOG's vaccine info line (413) 774-3167 ext 153