

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

Feb 23, 2021

Covid-19 Vaccination Clinic: As many of you are aware there will be a flu vaccine clinic at Mohawk Regional High School tomorrow and Saturday. The clinic is sponsored by the Franklin Regional Council of Governments and is expected to vaccinate over two people per day. More information is available at FRCOG.org or on the Town of Buckland's website. We would like the Select Board's permission to use the Black Board connect system (Reverse 911) to alert residents of additional clinics in our area. Since the information is coming to us at irregular times and will require almost instant reaction time, we are looking for blanket approval for a 30-day period. Thanks to our local emergency management and our local health officials for all their hard work to make this happen.

Upcoming Highway & Bridge Projects: For those of you that subscribe to the website notification service you should have received an email today to let you know about a new feature on the highway department page. We have created a Current Projects section that has a drop-down menu and a list of all the upcoming infrastructure improvement projects in the pipeline. There are engineering plans, contract documents and grant information. We encourage residents to refer to these pages regularly as we will use them to communicate project updates and milestones. If there is any information that is not on the site that would be helpful please let us know and we'll do our best to add it.

MassDOT Chapter 90: Speaking of road repair we received our annual Chapter 90 notice. We will receive \$184,000. As you know we use this money for engineering and for grant match to pursue bigger projects.

Town Clerk: Our new Town Clerk Karen Blom started work today. She spent her first day getting settled in the office and catching up on email and phone messages. She is a quick study and will the office be running smoothly in no time. Elizabeth left things in perfect order and her notes and instructions are very thorough. I am sure they will be helpful to Karen as she goes along.

Elected Officials Resignations: Two elected officials have stepped down from their posts, Terry Estes from the Board of Health and Karen Blom from Finance Committee. I had wanted to get a handle on how long both had served on these committees, but it was one of those days. I believe they are both in the several decade categories and they will be difficult to replace. Both positions are eligible for immediate appointment should someone step forward. We will need to update our election warrant to include those the positions.

GOTR: The Buckland Recreation Committee has entered into an agreement with the Girls on the Run Organization which will begin this Spring. Coaches are still needed, no experience necessary.



Charles D. Baker, Governor
Karyn E. Polito, Lieutenant Governor
Jamey Tesler, Acting Secretary & CEO



February 22, 2021

Town Administrator Heather Butler

17 State St

Shelburne Falls, MA 01370

Dear Town Administrator Heather Butler,

We are pleased to inform you that we anticipate Chapter 90 local transportation aid funding for Fiscal year 2022 will total \$200 million statewide, pending final legislative approval.

This letter certifies that, pending final passage of the bond authorization, your community's Chapter 90 apportionment for Fiscal year 2021 is \$184,612.00. This apportionment will be incorporated automatically into your existing 10-year Chapter 90 contract, which will be available on the MassDOT website www.massdot.state.ma.us/chapter90.

The Chapter 90 program is an integral part of maintaining and enhancing your community's infrastructure and is an essential component of our state-local partnership. We look forward to working with you in the coming year to continue the success of this program.

Thank you for all that you do to make the Commonwealth of Massachusetts a great place to live, work and raise a family.

Sincerely,

Charles D. Baker

Governor

Karyn E. Polito

Lieutenant Governor

From: [Terry Estes](#)
To: [Town Administrator](#); [Marti Ferguson](#); [richard warner](#)
Subject: RE: [Buckland MA] Board of Health (Sent by Terry A Estes, karterem@msn.com)
Date: Monday, February 22, 2021 9:00:00 AM

To the Buckland Select Board and fellow Board of Health members, It has been an honor and privilege to serve on the Board of Health in Buckland for many years. I regretfully must resign my position on the Board of Health as of today (02/22/2021). An increased workload at home has meant I do not have the time or energy to keep up with my duties on the Board of Health. This is bad timing for the current crisis, but a replacement with more time and energy is waiting in the wings. I will continue to help in whatever way I can to help a new person become familiar with the workings of the board. Thanks to all in the town government in Buckland and especially the Board of Health members. Sincerely, Terry A Estes

Board of Health

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [Town Administrator](#)
Sent: Saturday, February 20, 2021 1:05 PM
To: [Terry Estes](#); [Peggy Hart](#)
Cc: [Marti Ferguson \(martifergboh@gmail.com\)](#); [Richard Warner](#)
Subject: Re: [Buckland MA] Board of Health (Sent by Terry A Estes, karterem@msn.com)

Hi Terry

I have talked to both Peggy and Marti and I think you all are on the same page.

To move forward:

1. Terry would submit a letter resigning the BOH seat. If this happens before Tuesday night I will make the announcement at that evening's SB meeting and ask that anyone interested in an interim appointment contact the Board with a letter of interest.
2. Peggy should submit a letter of interest (email is fine) to the SB (twnadmin@town.buckland.ma.us)
3. I will add the item to the SB agenda for the March 9th meeting. Presumably the appointment would be made that night.
4. Also the SB will need to add the unexpired position to the May 4th Election Warrant.
5. If it's Peggy's intention to finish serving Terry's unexpired term she will need to take out nomination papers for the seat. Available now through the middle of March. I'll get the exact date for you on Monday.
6. It's worth noting that another resident(s) could come forward with hopes of serving as either

the appointed interim or the elected unexpired term.

Thank you all for your service to your community.

Heather

From: Terry Estes <karterem@msn.com>
Date: Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 4:38 PM
To: Town Administrator <twnadmin@town.buckland.ma.us>, Peggy Hart <blanketweave@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: [Buckland MA] Board of Health (Sent by Terry A Estes, karterem@msn.com)

Peggy Hart phone 625 2730. Email above.

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From: [Town Administrator](#)
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2021 1:31 PM
To: karterem@msn.com
Subject: RE: [Buckland MA] Board of Health (Sent by Terry A Estes, karterem@msn.com)

Hi Terry

I saw your call coming in and I am sorry I couldn't pick up. I have a resident from Conway Street in virtually meeting with the TIP engineers and I am on a separate Zoom call for another meeting. I will call as soon as I can.

Thank you

From: Contact form at Buckland MA <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2021 1:27 PM
To: Town Administrator <twnadmin@town.buckland.ma.us>
Subject: [Buckland MA] Board of Health (Sent by Terry A Estes, karterem@msn.com)

Hello hbutler,

Terry A Estes (karterem@msn.com) has sent you a message via your contact form (<https://www.town.buckland.ma.us/user/513/contact>) at Buckland MA.

If you don't want to receive such e-mails, you can change your settings at <https://www.town.buckland.ma.us/user/513/edit>.

Message:

I would like to discuss the process of removing myself from the B o H and nominating Peggy Hart to replace me on the board. I know that you and the SB will make any decision, but the current BoH all support Peggy Hart as my replacement. Timing is not critical, and Peggy is already attending our meeting and some others to help Marti's workload. Terry Estes

8 Martin Rd
Shelburne Falls, MA 01370
Feb. 22, 2021

Buckland Board of Selectmen:

Please consider me for an interim appointment to the Board of Health, to fill the vacancy until this spring's election. My interest is in helping out at this time of great need. I am familiar with the functions of the board and with the structure of FRCOG, with whom it works.

In addition I have previous experience with serving as an elected representative on a Buckland Board, as I served on the school committee for many years. I have been a resident of Buckland since 1987.

Thank you for your consideration,
Peggy Hart



94% of Girls on the Run coaches said they felt like they were making a difference in their girls' lives.



Spring 2021 Coaches Needed
March 29 - June 5th
Buckland Recreation Area

What We Do

Twice a week this spring, trained coaches will lead small teams of girls (grades 3-8) through lessons which teach life skills and strategies through dynamic interactive discussions and running games. Our trusted curriculum has been modified to include physical distancing precautions and the ability to seamlessly transition to virtual programming should the need arise. The season culminates with the girls being physically and emotionally prepared to complete a celebratory 5K running event. They feel a tangible sense of empowerment and a framework for setting and achieving life goals.

Now more than ever, she needs YOU

- **Provide connection & social-emotional support**
- **Inspire purpose and community contribution**
- **Empower self-worth and growth**
- **Identify and process her emotions**
- **Teach her to stand up for herself and others**
- **Lead with an open heart**

