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Minutes of the Uxbridge Board of Health hybrid meeting held on December 13, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Present: Dr. David Tapscott, Chairman; Dr. Joann Lindenmayer, Vice Chair and Dr. Cay DenHerder, Member

Also present: Erin Hightower, Health Director; Kaitlin Donahue, Health Inspector Missy Kakela-Boisvert, Administrative Assistant, Nicole Fenoff of Blue Magic Tattoo and Ray Talke

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://uxbridge.zoom.us/j/81558107583>

Meeting ID: 815 5810 7583

Meeting called to order:

The time being 6:00 PM and a quorum present, Chairman Dr. David Tapscott called the meeting to order.

Discussion on updates to Uxbridge Body Art Regulations – The board members were sent updated proposed body art regulations. Each member voiced changes, suggestions, or edits to the document. Nicole Fenoff, who will be opening her own tattoo shop here in Uxbridge expressed some concerns. She asked the board to clarify the definition of operator and/or give a definition of practitioner as the two words are used throughout the document but not clearly defined. She also asked that a definition of operator or work station area be created. There was a long discussion regarding hand washing sinks which the board wanted more time to consider. Ray Talke advised that the board should make sure that they have solid information when creating regulations. Make sure the document is proofread, for example there is no section twelve. It went from eleven to thirteen. The board thanked both for taking the time to attend the meeting and for giving their input.

Inspection updates - Kaitlin Donahue, Health Inspector gave the board an update on some restaurant and housing inspections she's been working on. With regards to restaurants, she's been working with one establishment with pest control issues and another establishment with a questionable grease trap. She's been helping a proposed coffee roastery business that will go in the former Unitarian Church.

COVID and other infectious disease updates - Erin Hightower, Health Director told the board that covid testing in wastewater was up along with PCR testing. The Board of Health office does have free covid test kits available to residents. She gave the library and senior center test kits too.

Shared Services Grant Update (BVPFH) - Erin Hightower, Health Director explained that the regional service grant has advertised for a regional health inspector, community health worker and part-time community outreach worker. So far no one has applied.

Approval of Meeting Minutes -

Dr. Lindenmayer moved to approve the December 21, 2022, meeting minutes as written. Dr. DenHerder seconded and the motion was passed unanimously with a vote of 3-0-0. Dr. Tapscott – aye, Dr. Lindenmayer – aye, Dr. DenHerder - aye

Dr. Lindenmayer moved to approve the November 15, 2023, meeting minutes with one correction of spelling of a name Beacon to Bacon. Dr. DenHerder seconded and the motion was passed unanimously with a vote of 3-0-0. Dr. Tapscott – aye, Dr. Lindenmayer – aye, Dr. DenHerder - aye

Dr. DenHerder moved to approve the April 26, 2023, meeting minutes as written. Dr. Tapscott seconded and the motion was passed unanimously with a vote of 3-0-1. Dr. Tapscott – aye, Dr. DenHerder - aye Dr. Lindenmayer – abstained as she was not present.

Dr. DenHerder moved to approve the May 24, 2023, meeting minutes as written. Dr. Tapscott seconded and the motion was passed unanimously with a vote of 3-0-1. Dr. Tapscott – aye, Dr. DenHerder - aye Dr. Lindenmayer – abstained as she was not present.

The January meeting will be January 17, 2024, at 6:00 pm and the February meeting will be February 28, 2024, at 6:00 pm.

Motion to adjourn: *Dr. Lindenmayer moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 pm. Dr. DenHerder seconded and the motion was passed unanimously with a vote of 3-0-0. Dr. Tapscott – aye, Dr. Lindenmayer – aye, Dr. DenHerder - aye*

David Tapscott, Chairman

Joann Lindenmayer, Vice Chairman

Cay DenHerder, Member