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Minutes of the Uxbridge Board of Health hybrid meeting held on November 15, 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; Missy Kakela-Boisvert, Administrative Assistant, Steve Donatelli, BoH Title V Engineer, Emily Petro Conservation Agent, and Margret Bacon of Allen Engineering.

Via zoom Kaitlin Donahue, Health Inspector

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://uxbridge.zoom.us/j/84778125526>

Meeting ID: 847 7812 5526

Meeting called to order:

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

117 Quaker Highway – The septic system at this location is in failure. A Presby system was installed back in 2007. With this type of system, it is believed that by removing the caps off the leach field piping to let air in it will aerate the system and hopefully bring it back to a functioning system. The caps have been off for a couple of weeks with continual pumping of the tank. It was discovered that a leaking toilet allowed a huge amount of water that could have contributed to the issue. If the aeration does not work a new system will need to be installed. A plan was submitted by Allen Engineering which Steve has approved. There is a local upgrade request for distance to property line. 10 feet is required 6.7 feet is requested. A certified letter was sent to the abutter and Margaret Bacon of Allen Engineering submitted to the Board.

Dr. DenHerder made a motion to approve the septic plan for 117 Quaker Highway as presented including the local upgrade request. Dr. Lindenmayer seconded and the motion was passed unanimously with a vote of 3-0-0. Dr. Tapscott – aye, Dr. Lindenmayer – aye, Dr. DenHerder - aye

14A Hazel Plaza – A Title V Inspection Report was done and it failed. The owners of 14A Hazel Plaza need to sell and that was the reason for the inspection. This system services a duplex that has individual septic tanks and distribution boxes but a shared leach field. A septic design was submitted and approved by Steve Donatelli. The plan had to go before the conservation commission which was denied. There are concerns about 14B Hazel Plaza once 14A has been removed from the shared system. It is our understanding that the owners of 14B are being uncooperative and will not work with 14A to bring the system into compliance. The system is backing up into 14A Hazel Plaza but it's unknown if the same thing is happening in 14B

Hazel Plaza. Therefore, the system needs to be installed as an emergency repair but will have to need to work with conservation. The hope is that by 14A being taken off the shared system it will take that additional flow off the existing leach field and there won't be an issue. The Board agreed that because the system is a public health hazard, they should proceed with an emergency repair.

Dr. Lindenmayer made a motion to approve the septic plan for 14A Hazel Plaza. 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

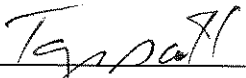
Inspection updates – No updates

COVID and other infectious disease updates – We held a covid clinic on October 30, 2023, at the senior center. There were 50 people who signed up but only 40 came.

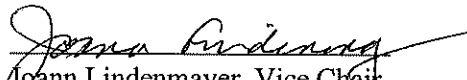
Shared Services Grant Update (BVPPH) – One of our shared inspectors has given her notice. Dannielle Edmons has taken a new position. We thank Danielle for all she has done for the BVPPH. She will be missed. BVPPH is working on expanding the roles of the epidemiologist and public health nurse and is working on hiring a part time community health worker.

Monthly Reports – In Erin's report she talked about the ongoing issue with Marchand LLC regarding his trash permit. According to their application where they drop off refuse does not accept food scraps and where they dump the recycling does not accept glass. The question is where do the food scraps and glass go, does the glass go to another facility or does he not collect glass? Does he ask that the food scraps not be placed in the trash? Once these questions are answered the board will approve the permit.

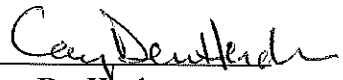
Motion to adjourn: *Dr. Lindenmayer moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 pm. Dr. DenHerder seconded and the motion was passed unanimously with a vote of 3-0-0. Dr. Tapscott – aye, Dr. Lindenmayer – aye, Dr. DenHerder - aye*



David Tapscott, Chair



Joann Lindenmayer, Vice Chair



Cay DenHerder, Member