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TOWN OF UXBRIDGE BOARD OF HEALTH

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Minutes of the Uxbridge Board of Health Emergency Meeting held on Monday, April 06, 2020 at 5:00 PM

This meeting was held remotely

Present: Michael Morrissette, Chair, David Tapscott, Vice Chair and Joann Lindenmayer, Member Also present, Kristin Black, Health Director, Nancy Centrella, Administrative Assistant, Erik Stumpo, Intern and Haillie Crockett, Intern

Meeting called to order: The time being 5:04 PM and a quorum present, Chairman Morrissette called the emergency meeting to order.

BUSINESS

1. COVID-19 Order of Recommendation from BOH for all Uxbridge residents to wear masks in public places On Friday, April 3rd, the CDC posted an advisory for all citizens to wear a mask at all times when out in public places. We are following those guidelines to help prevent any further spreading of the virus. The Surgeon General has posted this helpful video showing everyone how to make a mask using common items from home.

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html. More information on this can be found on our website:

https://www.uxbridge-ma.gov/COVID-19.

Motion: David Tapscott moved that the Uxbridge Board of Health issue an advisory to all Uxbridge residents, places of business and government facilities that a mask be worn at all times when outside of a home or other dwelling. This applies to all public spaces, outdoor spaces and private businesses. Joann Lindenmayer seconded and the motion was passed unanimously with a vote of 3-0-0. Michael Morrissette – aye, David Tapscott – aye, Joann Lindenmayer - aye

2. Appointment of Board of Health Medical Director

Appointing Dr. David Tapscott as the Board of Health Medical Director will give him more authority when making calls to hospitals, long-term care facilities, at risk populations, etc. This appointment will remain a volunteer position. The Town Manager has been consulted and has approved the appointment. *Motion:* Joann Lindenmayer moved to appoint Dr. David Tapscott as the Uxbridge Board of Health Medical Director. Michael Morrissette seconded and the motion was passed unanimously with a vote of 3-0-0. Michael Morrissette – aye, David Tapscott – aye, Joann Lindenmayer - aye

3. Communication of Case Counts to the Public

Be advised that the number of cases* reported on any given day severely underestimates the number of persons who actually have COVID** and are either not diagnosed, have no symptoms, or have not developed symptoms yet. Staying at home, social distancing, limiting gatherings, washing hands and wearing a face mask in public are always the best way to avoid spreading and catching COVID.

*Cases represent the total number to date and include both 1) active cases who are receiving hospital care or who are isolated at home and 2) inactive cases who are no longer in isolation status or who have expired.
**Only those who have tested positive are considered to have been diagnosed, and due to limited testing, only those with symptoms are being tested.

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4. Communications

Haillie Crockett and Erik Stumpo are both volunteers who are currently in their 4th and final year of a combined DVM-MPH program at Tufts Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine and Tufts University School of Medicine. They are both assisting the Board of Health as interns working on different projects. Haillie will be monitoring the town's social media accounts and posting helpful information and resources. She will also be providing weekly updates to the website.

5. UXBRIDGE HELPS

This group is made up of many non-profit groups and individuals who are willing to volunteer their time and/or resources to help residents of Uxbridge during this difficult time. Erik will be the primary contact and liaison for the UXBRIDGE HELPS group. He will work with the contacts he has to create a spreadsheet of critical needs in town. Kristin will forward him a privacy policy to ensure that all Uxbridge residents' privacy be handled properly. He will also be working with the food pantry to have a current list of needs for the residents they serve. He will also be updating the website with ways that residents can make their own masks at home.

ADJOURNMENT 5:40 PM

Motion: David Tapscott moved to adjourn the meeting. Joann Lindenmayer seconded and the motion was passed unanimously with a vote of 3-0-0. Michael Morrissette – aye, David Tapscott – aye, Joann Lindenmayer - aye

Michael Morrissette, Chairman

David Tapscott, Vice Chairman

Joann Lindenmayer, Member

Nancy Centrella, Administrative Assistant

(Please see attached emails for approval of meeting minutes)

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From: Joann Lindenmayer

Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 11:31 AM

To: Nancy Centrella < NCentrella@uxbridge-ma.gov>

Subject: Re: minutes of emergency meeting

I approve the minutes of the Board of Health emergency meeting of April 6, 2020 as written and give permission for Nancy Centrella to sign them on my behalf.

Joann Lindenmayer

From: Dr. David Tapscott

Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 1:39 PM

To: Nancy Centrella < NCentrella @uxbridge-ma.gov>

Subject: Re: meeting minutes

I approve of the minutes of the April 6,2020 emergency meeting of the Board of Health as written and I authorize Nancy Centrella to sign on my behalf.

David P Tapscott