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Minutes of the Uxbridge Board of Health hybrid meeting held on January 18, 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

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 896 9012 5605

Meeting called to order:

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

Violations under "An Act to Modernize Tobacco Control" and 105 CMR 665.000: Appeals St's General Store – This has been postponed to the next meeting on February 15th.

Permit updates – Missy informed the Board of what permits were completed, ones that we need additional paperwork and those who have not yet applied. This would be food, tobacco, septic hauler, trash/dumpster hauler, septic installer, tanning and body art.

Inspection updates - Kaitlin gave any updates to the Board with regards to housing, restaurant and complaints. As far as the housing, she is hoping some issues might be resolved once the new Town Counsel is established. Erin told the Board that we were over 100 % with food establishment inspections for 2022 and on a good start for 2023. Complaints/Nuisance Erin explained that Cresco is still ongoing. The town did receive a new odor mitigation plan, which was really only for winter months. She believes it was approved by the town. They were given a deadline to come up with a summer plan and a date to start the winter plan. She explained once a compliant is called into the complaint line the odor investigator has 30 minutes to investigate but there are technical problems and the complaint is not being responded to promptly. There is a gentleman who lives in the Summerfield area who made a compliant by calling the compliant line and also lets Erin know he complained and it was a full 24-hours before he was called. The attorney for Creso and the Town Counsel have been communicating. The cannabis commission and DEP have been made aware of what is going on. Dr Tapscott offered to contact the Cannabis Commission head, who is new, and possibly get them more directly involved.

COVID and Flu updates -60 confirmed Covid cases for the month of December. Numbers seem to be staying steady. Dr. Tapscott looked at the sewerage data and it has ticked up. There

were 98 confirmed flu cases for the same time period. RSV is not a reportable disease so we don't have numbers.

Discussion on changes to Article 14: Minimum Sanitation Standards for Private and Semi-Public Wells – Dr. Tapscott asked Missy to reach out to more well drillers for their opinions on the revised regulations. Hopefully by the next meeting new town counsel will be available to review it too.

Monthly Reports – Erin attended the MHOA meeting representing Region 2 and reported a few updates. Color, which we use for vaccine scheduling, will be used until 2027. New model regulations for tobacco are coming out. There was a discussion to have wells tested for PFAS. She's also working with the regional public health nurse Deb Vescera on Uxbridge having a hording taskforce. Kaitlin attended a housing training and in April the State Housing Code will be updated. She found a good refrigeration grant that she passed on to restaurants.

Shared Service Grant Update (BVPPH) - no real update

Motion to adjourn: Dr. Cay DenHerder moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm. Dr. Joann Lindenmayer seconded and the motion was passed unanimously with a vote of 3-0-0. Dr. David Tapscott – aye, Dr. Joann Lindenmayer – aye, Dr. Cay DenHerder - aye

David Tapscott, Chairman

Joann Lindenmayer, Vice Chairman