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BOARD OF HEALTH
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Minutes of the Uxbridge Board of Health meeting held on Thursday, April 23, 2020 at 6:10 PM

This meeting was held remotely

Present: Michael Morrisette, Chair, David Tapscott, Vice Chair and Joann Lindenmayer, Member
Also present, Kristin Black, Health Director, Nancy Centrella, Administrative Assistant

Meeting called to order: The time being 6:13 PM and a quorum present, Chairman Morrisette called the meeting to order.

BUSINESS

1. Discussion of Face Covering Requirement inside Stores

A lot of research was done on this subject before this meeting. We checked with many other towns to see how they are handling this topic. We also reached out to Town Counsel for their input, as well as managers from Hannaford, CVS & Koopman Lumber & Hardware. This order was originally released in Everett, but we have modified it for Uxbridge to cover these 4 areas:

- a) Entering the inside of any building or enclosed space open to the public; or
- b) Using public transportation or ride sharing; or
- c) Employed in a food service or retail food establishment that prepares, serves, delivers or otherwise handles food intended to be consumed outside of that person's immediate family or household; or
- d) Engaged in any activity within a confined space or enclosed facility where other members of the public have routine access or are present.

Tony Giunta, Hannaford Manager, let the Board know that his corporate office is mandating all of their employees to wear a mask at all times while in the store as of Monday, April 27th. This order, if passed, will help to ensure that everyone is protected, employees and customers. An employee will be outside to help enforce this order.

Nikee Reed, Uxbridge CVS Manager, said that all of their employees are mandated to wear masks by their corporate office already and she fully supports this order to help ensure everyone's safety.

Steve Thompson, Uxbridge resident, asked about enforcement of this order. Managers can deny entrance to people who aren't wearing a mask, but they may provide masks to people who need one at their discretion, particularly seniors who arrive to shop early on Monday morning.

Marc Montminy, Police Chief, supports the order but has some enforcement concerns. He believes trying to get the word out to every establishment in town where the public is welcome will be very hard. He suggested only reaching out to the larger businesses that have 20 or more people. He asked how the order will be communicated to the businesses. We can mail the order, use social media, signs and the town's website.

Steve Sette, Town Manager said that in order to use the Code Red system for this purpose, we would need to communicate other topics to the public as well as the order, to qualify as an emergency communication.

The Board appreciated all of the feedback and decided that this is a public health emergency that requires this order to help keep employees and residents safe.

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Motion: David Tapscott moved to issue the Board of Health facial covering order as written. Joann Lindenmayer seconded and the motion was passed unanimously with a vote of 3-0-0. David Tapscott – aye, Joann Lindenmayer – aye, Michael Morrisette – aye

2. Safety Recommendations for Town Voting

Kelly Cote, Town Clerk informed the Board that at the previous Board of Selectmen meeting, it was decided that the May 19th election will still take place as scheduled. They are taking many safety precautions at the polls:

- a) They are reducing the number of booths in each district so they will be 8 feet apart.
- b) They are asking everyone who enters the building to wear masks and gloves and they will also have a supply on hand for anyone who needs them while voting.
- c) Individual writing utensils will be provided.
- d) Plexi-glass dividers will also be in place at the check-in stations.
- e) There will be markings on the floors in case lines form, so everyone will be practicing social distancing.
- f) The bathrooms will be easily accessible for hand washing.
- g) Each poll worker will have their own supply of sanitizer and there will also be bottles on the tables for residents.
- h) Every booth will be thoroughly cleaned after each use and then again at the end of the night.
- i) The building will not be used for any other event at that time, so hallways can be used if there is inclement weather.

While they have taken all of these important precautions, they are **strongly encouraging** all residents to vote by absentee ballot.

Motion: David Tapscott moved to support the plan put forth by the Town Clerk and to strongly encourage the public to vote using the absentee ballot by mail. Joann Lindenmayer seconded and the motion was passed unanimously with a vote of 3-0-0. David Tapscott – aye, Joann Lindenmayer – aye, Michael Morrisette – aye

3. Uxbridge HELPS

This is a coalition of community service organizations that have joined together to help people in need. For more information, please visit the Uxbridge HELPS page on the town's website tab dedicated to the Coronavirus. This program was recently launched on Tuesday, April 21st and they have already received 3 requests for help. Joann is very pleased with how it is working so far. They have many volunteers already and they are only taking volunteers who are known to the organizations that are currently involved in the program. There are other needs for donations and volunteers on the Donate and Volunteer tab.

(the agenda was taken out of order)

4. Donation Fund for Covid-19 – response and approval process for expenditures

Kristin is working closely with the Town Accountant to create accounts to track any donations received and to manage how these donations will be spent. They are awaiting final approval and, in the meantime, all monetary donations can be sent to the People First Food Pantry.

5. Public Health Funds – Discuss budget

Kristin presented her spreadsheet to show how the CMRPC funds are tracked. More funding may be made available, but we are well within our budget for now.

CITIZEN'S FORUM

Steve Thompson, resident, asked if the Board could provide additional information other than just the total case count and the number of residents out of isolation. Kristin said that they can only release those numbers as mandated by the state. First responders do receive the address of positive cases, to ensure their safety if they have to enter the homes. The best advice for all residents is to assume that everyone has the virus because many people are currently asymptomatic, but could be carrying the virus without knowing. The Board urges everyone to continue to practice all of the safety guidelines put forth. We will continue to update the information as we receive it. Steve also asked about the lack of testing issue. Kristin said that where there were very limited test kits available in the past weeks, testing is now being expanded and they are very hopeful that soon there may be enough for everyone who needs one.

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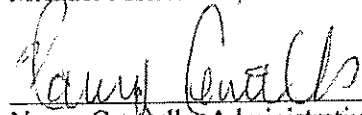
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Motion: *David Tapscott moved to adjourn the meeting. Joann Lindenmayer seconded and the motion was passed unanimously with a vote of 3-0-0. Michael Morrisette – aye, David Tapscott – aye, Joann Lindenmayer – aye*

Michael Morrisette, Chairman

David Tapscott, Vice Chairman

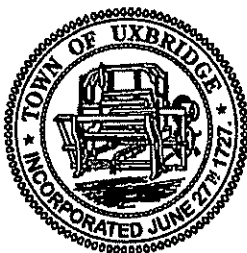
Joann Lindenmayer, Member



Nancy Centrella, Administrative Assistant

(Please see attached emails for approval of meeting minutes)

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May 12, 2020

From: Joann Lindenmayer
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 9:01 AM
To: Nancy Centrella <NCentrella@uxbridge-ma.gov>
Subject: Re: meeting minutes

Nancy,

I approve the minutes as written and sent to me on May 12th, 2020. I authorize Nancy Centrella to sign them on my behalf.

Joann Lindenmayer

From: Dr. David Tapscott
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 11:53 AM
To: Nancy Centrella <NCentrella@uxbridge-ma.gov>
Subject: minutes approval

I approve of the minutes as written of the April 23, 2020 Board of Health meeting and authorize Nancy Centrella to sign on my behalf. David P Tapscott

David Tapscott

Member

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