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Dr. David Tapscott, Vice Chair
Dr. Joann Lindenmayer, Member
Nancy Centrella, Administrative Assistant
Dr. Kristin Black, Health Agent



TOWN OF UXBRIDGE
BOARD OF HEALTH
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Minutes of the Uxbridge Board of Health meeting held on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 3:00 PM

This meeting was held remotely

Present: David Tapscott, Vice Chair and Joann Lindenmayer, Member

Also present, Kristin Black, Health Director, Nancy Centrella, Admin. Assistant, Ruby Barnard-Mayers, Intern

Absent: Michael Morrisette, Chair

Meeting called to order: The time being 3:01 PM and a quorum present, Vice Chairman Tapscott called the meeting to order.

BUSINESS

1. Enforcement Issues during Covid-19

Local Boards of Health are working together with the Dept. of Labor Standards (DLS) on enforcement issues. DLS has a hotline (508)616-0461 x 9488 and an email safepublicworkplacemailbox@mass.gov to report any violations. The town does not have non-criminal disposition, so we are looking into whether or not we can impose fines on the state mandated orders. Revoking permits is also a possibility. Police Chief Montminy has been designated as an agent to the Board of Health to assist with enforcement when necessary.

2. Existing Drive-thru Food Establishment Order

The state's Phase II guidelines will be soon be released. We will leave this in place until that time.

3. Role of Board of Health in Opening of Town Hall and Other Town Facilities

Kristin worked with the Academic Public Health Volunteer Corps. to produce a training video for procedures and guidance for reopening. Any business can use this video for their own training purposes. They are also encouraged to reach out to the BOH office with questions, concerns, or to help with enforcement.

4. Considerations for Town Meeting

Kristin and David met with the Town Moderator regarding the location of Town Meeting. They will do a walk-through of Valley Chapel to see if all social distancing and safety precautions can be met. If they do not feel the indoor environment meets the needs of all voters, the Board will recommend that Town Meeting be held outdoors. A decision will need to be made quickly, as there will be many things to consider if the location is changed, such as; time, weather, communication procedures, etc. The Board of Selectmen are currently working to prioritize the warrant articles and to possibly limit speeches and comments to shorten the length of the meeting. The issue of mosquitos was raised, but the BOH feels the risk of contracting Covid-19 far outweighs that of EEE. There were only 12 human cases of EEE in the state last year. Almost all of the Covid-19 cases have been contracted indoors. The BOH will meet again on 6/2/2020 to make their recommendation to the town.

5. Preparation for Mosquito Control

Andy Dey, Public Health Intern, is working on organizing a regional conference for discussion on this topic. Mendon Board of Health is working on a flyer which will be shared with Uxbridge. There will be more information in our Weekly Newsletter.

6. Tobacco Compliance Checks

State funding has been granted to form a new alliance named Boards of Health Tobacco Control Alliance (BOHTCA) for tobacco compliance checks. This will be at no cost to the town. A vote is required to officially

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appoint the alliance as an agent to the Uxbridge Board of Health.

Motion: *Joann Lindenmayer moved to accept the services of the Boards of Health Tobacco Control Alliance (BOHTCA) and to designate the BOHTCA staff as tobacco control agents to enforce any tobacco regulations or orders of the BOH. David Tapscott seconded and the motion was passed unanimously with a vote of 2-0-0. David Tapscott – aye, Joann Lindenmayer - aye*

CITIZEN'S FORUM

ADJOURNMENT 3:44 PM

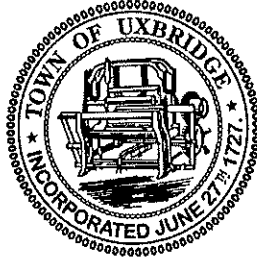
Motion: *Joann Lindenmayer moved to adjourn the meeting. David Tapscott seconded and the motion was passed unanimously with a vote of 2-0-0. David Tapscott – aye, Joann Lindenmayer - aye*



Lynn Marchand, Administrative Assistant

(Please see attached emails for approval of meeting minutes)

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September 29, 2020

Signature authorization for the Board of Health May 28, 2020 Meeting Minutes:

From: Joann Lindenmayer
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2020 4:50 PM
To: Lynn Marchand <LMarchand@uxbridge-ma.gov>
Subject: Re: Please email authorization for me to sign Minutes

I have read the minutes of the Board of Health meeting on June 2, 2020 and I approve them. I give Lynn Marchand permission to sign the minutes on my behalf.

Joann Lindenmayer

From: Dr. David Tapscott
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2020 8:10 AM
To: Lynn Marchand <LMarchand@uxbridge-ma.gov>
Subject: Re: David: Can you email authorization for me to sign the Minutes?

I authorize Lynn Marchand to sign my name to the minutes of the Board Health Meetings of May 11th, May 28th and June 2nd 2020.

David Tapscott
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