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TOWN OF UXBRIDGE **BOARD OF HEALTH**

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Minutes of the Uxbridge Board of Health meeting held on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 2:00 PM

This meeting was held remotely

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

Also present, Erin Hightower, Health Director; Diane Legere, Health Agent; Sara Manganelli, Administrative Assistant, Shane Keville-Wagner

Meeting called to order: The time being 2:00 PM and a quorum present, Vice Chairman Dr. David Tapscott called the meeting to order.

This meeting will be held remotely. For video meeting use

Topic: Board of Health's Zoom Meeting

Time: Feb 24, 2021 02:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 962 1270 4666

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1. DISCUSION ON RECENT VACCINATION DISTRIBUTION CHANGES

• Update of Vaccinations

Erin Hightower explained to the Board about updates from the state. The state is focusing on mass vaccination sites. We are in discussion with the state to see if we can become one of the mass vaccination sites in collaboration with other Boards of Health. So far they are up to 16 other communities that are interested in joining us. The state is expecting us to handle 750 vaccinations per day, 5 days a week. It is doable since the state is now allowing satellite clinics.

The next step will be filling out an application (google like document) to be considered as a mass vaccination site. Erin was contacted by Leicester, Oxford, Franklin and Blackstone with interest in joining the collaboration.

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The Chief of Police, Marc Montminy is on board with helping with traffic while the vaccination clinics are being run. Steve Sette has informed the DPW to be ready to stripe the McCloskey parking lot and keep the entrance/exit gate open during vaccination clinics.

The Southern Worcester County has a lack of vaccine clinics. Uxbridge is in a very good location and is prepared for a vaccination clinic. We have tried to work with Hannaford but the state does not want us to partner with them at this time. Hannaford is having clinics at their location in Uxbridge. They have limited capacity, 30 per day.

We are still encouraging our residents that if they find another site that has available appointments to please take them and not wait for our clinic to open.

Friday, February 26th, State representatives and all members that will be participating in this vaccination clinic, will be meeting over Zoom to go over plans. Pictures, layouts and video will be displayed to show how prepared we all are.

Diane stated that the Johnson & Johnson vaccine is very close to full approval. It will be one shot versus 2 doses. They are the only manufacturer of the vaccine that has stock piled. Johnson & Johnson will be ready to deliver immediately upon approval. Pfizer has doubled their production.

Uxbridge has been allocated some doses of vaccine for the senior housing community. The Uxbridge Board of Health is working with Linda from Uxbridge Senior Housing and Lisa from the Senior Center. They will release 74 doses for the senior housing in the Calumet Crt. area and 25 doses for the homebound senior residents. They are estimated to arrive between March 1-3.

The vaccines given at McCloskey Middle School will be available to anyone who lives, works or studies in Massachusetts in the appropriate phase and eligible category.

Dr. David Tapscott made a motion to endorse Uxbridge to take the lead on the vaccination clinic. Dr. Joann Lindenmayer seconded and the motion was passed unanimously with a vote of 2-0-0. Dr. David Tapscott – aye, Dr. Joann Lindenmayer – aye

2. CITIZEN'S FORUM

- 3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES
- 4. ANY OTHER MATTER THAT MAY LAWFULLY COME BEFORE THE BOARD
- 5. ADJOURNMENT

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Motion to adjourn: Dr. David Tapscott moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:33pm. Dr. Joann Lindenmayer seconded and the motion was passed unanimously with a vote of 2-0-0. Dr. David Tapscott – aye, Dr. Joann Lindenmayer – aye

David Tapscott, Vice Chairman Joann Lindenmayer, Member

Sara Manganelli, Administrative Assistant

(Please see attached emails for Board approval of meeting minutes)