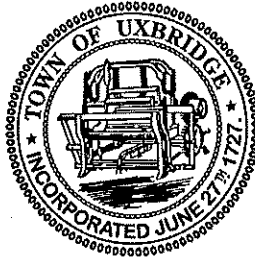


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Minutes of the Uxbridge Board of Health meeting held on Wednesday, July 22, 2021 at 4:00 PM

Present: David Tapscott, Chairman; Dr. Cay Denherder, Member.

Also present, Erin Hightower, Health Director; Diane Legere, Health Agent; Sara Manganelli, Administrative Assistant, Jay Talerma, Esq.; Larry Weirisma, Plumbing Inspector, Steve Tancrell, Fire Dept. Deputy; Bijal Patel, Owner of Quaker Inn and Conference.

Meeting called to order: The time being 4:02 PM and a quorum present, Chairman Dr. David Tapscott called the meeting to order.

1. Quaker Inn and Conference Center at 442 Quaker Highway. Orders to Correct Violations of State Sanitary Code

July 19, 2021 reinspection report was presented. Thirty days from the original order to correct, June 14, 2021 less than 30% of the items have been addressed (corrected or in the process).

Fire safety issues have been corrected. Conditions and health safety issues for the safety of the occupants such as pest droppings, mattresses not replaced and plumbing are still a concern. Building A is not habitable at this time. There are plumbing concerns and soils are contaminated with sewage under the building. Building A is unoccupied at this time.

Larry Weirisma, plumbing inspector stated that there are a substantial amount of plumbing code violations, building code violations and pipes that are leaking and have been leaking. Pictures were taken of these violations. No plumbing permit has been pulled for the Quaker Inn as of today.

Steve Tancrell, Fire Dept. Deputy Building A & B the fire alarm systems superseded have been upgraded and tested. Building C, the fire alarm system has not been tested over the last year. Some of the units in building C had some working carbon monoxide detectors that worked and some that did not work. Fire department is just waiting on the system to be tested in building C as well as to perform a fire inspection.

Bijal Patel, owner of Quaker Inn and Paul Foley, Esq. attorney for Quaker Inn approached the microphone. Bijal emailed the copy of the fire alarm system inspection to the fire department 5 minutes prior to this meeting. Steve Tancrell confirmed that it was not an inspection it was just a quote. A plumbing company that she was working with quoted \$15,000-\$58,000 to repair Building A. Building A will stay vacant until building can be brought up to code.

Currently Building C is occupied by 3 occupants in rooms 124, 134 and 137. She wants to move the 3 rooms to Building B to start working on Building C. Mold remediation on Building C cannot start until

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the building is empty. The broken pipes were causing moisture which resulted in mold. Bijal is focusing on permitting Building C. She stated that work will start on room 136 & 128.

Marc Montminy questioned, "why move people from one unlicensed building to another unlicensed building?". Jay Talerman, Esq stated that they did not want to displace people that have no place to go. Bijal informed us that she has a receipt for a 50% deposit on new mattresses. Diane Legere is still waiting from the state on whether or not to give the okay to use mattress covers for a temporary fix. Bijal said she had a 10 room supply of covers ready for the okay. Bijal told us that she will steam clean the mattresses herself while waiting.

Dr. Tapscott requested to keep the hearing open. Erin Hightower said we will wait to reinspect when all the work is complete. Larry Wiersma said the water temperature and the hot water tank was still a concern of his. Bijal said that she was having a hard time finding a plumber.

A couple of occupants approached the microphone. An occupant from Building B was stating that they had no place to go. The daughter wrote a letter that was presented to Dr. Tapscott. Another occupant was expressing how difficult it is to find affordable housing.

Dr. David Tapscott made a motion to continue hearing on August 5, 2021 at 4:15pm. Dr. Cay Denherder seconded and the motion was passed unanimously with a vote of 2-0-0. Dr. David Tapscott – aye, Dr. Cay Denherder - aye

2. Discussion of IMA and Oversight Board Member for Shared Services Grant via CMRPC

Two documents needed signature for the Shared Services Grant.

Dr. David Tapscott made a motion to accept the documents and to appoint Erin Hightower the person to oversee the grant. Dr. Cay Denherder seconded and the motion was passed unanimously with a vote of 2-0-0. Dr. David Tapscott – aye, Dr. Cay Denherder - aye

3. CITIZEN'S FORUM

4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

5. ANY OTHER MATTER THAT MAY LAWFULLY COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Diane Legere, Health Agent announced that Tuesday will be her last day with the Uxbridge Board of Health.

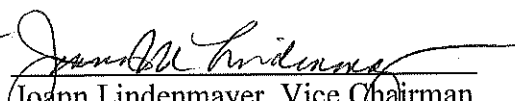
6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: *Dr. David Tapscott moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:22pm. Dr. Cay Denherder seconded and the motion was passed unanimously with a vote of 2-0-0. Dr. David Tapscott – aye, Dr. Cay Denherder - aye*

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To Whom it Concerns

I have been staying at the Quaker chm since August of last year. This happened after I went to spend a night there with my boyfriend, and came back to where I was staying and my bed was in the trash pile in their backyard. I have been looking for an apartment during this time. If I weren't for this place I wouldn't have a place to stay and have visits with my children. I went through a divorce 2 years ago, and in that time I have lost my apartment and been kicked out of my friends house I was staying.

The new owner of this establishment has been working tirelessly to restore this property to the gem it once was. Give her a chance to renovate and bring this place back to life. Allowing this chance to a new business owner could bring much needed revenue to the town. She has already invested so much time and energy and helped numerous people from being homeless when the housing market is bleak due to the pandemic. Thank you for hearing us!

Sincerely,
Ashley Kelley