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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, October 28, 2020 at 4:00 PM

This meeting was held remotely

Present: Michael Morrissette, Chair; David Tapscott, Vice Chair; and Joann Lindenmayer, Member. Also present, Jamie Terry, Interim Health Director; Diane Legere, Health Inspector

Meeting called to order: The time being 4:00 PM and a quorum present, Vice Chairman Dr. David Tapscott called the meeting to order.

1. REGULAR BUSINESS

• Covid-19 Updates

Jamie reviewed the status of current cases, contact tracing efforts, potential emerging problems, complaints about COVID guideline violations, local testing availability, and public communication. There were two instances of a breach of quarantine/isolation which were dealt with. DPH calls were reviewed and trends in identification of clusters was discussed.

• Recap of Drive Through Flu Clinic, Uxbridge High School, October 14, 2020

Diane reported that over 150 vaccines were administered, with the longest wait time being 5 minutes. There was overwhelmingly positive feedback from the public and the video produced by the UHS media team to orient patients may be distributed statewide as an example of superior messaging. The cooperation of the UPD, UFD, DPW and UHS personnel was integral to the success of this clinic. David participated actively in the clinic and Jamie was present as a monitor from PHEP to qualify the clinic as an annual drill.

• Brief Recap of Annual Town Meeting

David reviewed the details of signage, seating capacity of the venue, distancing and assigning seats to attendees. In addition, video was taken of the audience so contact tracing could be done in the event of a need for quarantining close contacts. In general citizens appropriately seated themselves. The meeting has been postponed due the need to consider certain articles which were not ready to be voted upon but which need to be acted upon before the end of the calendar year.

• 2020 Halloween Recommendations

Public messaging is being posted and made available to the public about recommendations to be followed for each holiday. There is some concern that Thanksgiving travel will lead to further cases locally. The state travel restrictions were discussed.

Minutes of the Uxbridge Board of Health meeting held on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 4:00 PM

- Proposal from Minute Clinic a CVS to begin COVID-19 testing on B side of building in Wellness Clinic area of Minute Clinic (may just be discussion if no information is submitted from Minute Clinic)
- General Office Staff Updates

The resignation of our administrative assistant has created an opening for this position which needs to be filled ASAP. Diane and David are helping to cover the office at the present, which is not the best situation. The Town Manager needs to post the position and he will be contacted for an update. The Health Director position was discussed. Jamie has been an interim Director and her work is much appreciated. The position is budgeted for 20 hours, and the Town Manager will be approached about making this a benefitted position.

Brief Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) update

Joanne reported on the status of the MVP grants. MVP 1 has been completed and the Town has been reimbursed 10% of the match. MVP 2 has about \$90,000 left in the budget. Mosquito Surveillance and education, the Open Space Plan, and Emergency Communication tasks were reviewed. The MVP 3 application has been rejected. The potential for future MVP grants being submitted as part of a regional group was discussed and a phone call with MVP was held recently. David is participating in meetings which involve the Blackstone River watershed and there is potential to regionalize to some or part of the entire watershed.

- New/Old Business
- 2. CITIZEN'S FORUM
- 3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES
- 4. ANY OTHER MATTER THAT MAY LAWFULLY COME BEFORE THE BOARD
- 5. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Dr. Joann Line	denmayer moved to adjourn the meeting	at 4:54pm. Dr. David Tapscott seconded and
the motion was passed unanimously	with a vote of 2-0-0. Dr. David Tapscon	tt – aye, Joann Lindenmayer – aye
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David Tapscott Vice Chairman	Joann Lindenmayer, Member	Michael Morrissette, Chairman

Sara Manganelli, Administrative Assistant