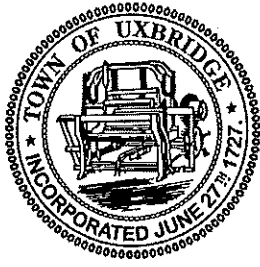


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Minutes of the Uxbridge Board of Health meeting held on Monday, August 10th 2020 at 4:00 PM

This meeting was held remotely

Present: David Tapscott, Vice Chair; and Joann Lindenmayer, Member.
Also present, Kristen Black

Meeting called to order: The time being 3:30 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

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1. Regular Business

- Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) guidelines were reviewed. Dr. Tapscott attended two recent School Committee meetings and participated in their discussions. The plan is to start with a hybrid plan, which is posted on the UPS website. The BOH is involved with the UPS in an advisory capacity, except when there is contact tracing involved for a positive case.

Testing sites were reviewed. No dedicated site can be found for UPS staff or student testing. BOH gets positive test results only for Uxbridge residents, so if staff or students testing positive are not from Uxbridge, coordination with school staff is essential. Contact tracing steps, school staff and parent communication and confidentiality issues were all reviewed.

Different quarantine guidelines are used by DESE than those issued by the DPH. The BOH will use the latter.

- The school closure order of March 13, 2020 was reviewed. It was never re-evaluated since statewide closures ensued shortly thereafter.

Dr. Joann Lindenmayer made a motion to move the order regarding closure of all Uxbridge schools issued on March 13, 2020 be rescinded in its entirety. Dr. David Tapscott seconded and the motion was passed unanimously with a vote of 2-0-0. Dr. David Tapscott – aye, Dr. Joann Lindenmayer – aye

- COVID updates are being covered as best possible in the BOH weekly newsletter.
 - a. Travel orders issued by the Governor are confusing to some, especially regarding Rhode Island. DPH has been approached to clarify these orders.
 - b. Outdoor capacity of gatherings has now been reduced to 50% and indoor gatherings remains at 25%. These state guidelines apply to private gatherings as well as to those open to the public. Masking if there are > 10 persons present is being maintained.

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- c. Enforcement issues were reviewed. The BOH cannot issue citations. The BOH is responding to complaints with advice.
- Staffing updates include the hiring of Diane Legere to be a health agent. She is well versed in food inspections and use of the new software for food inspections. She has been helping with complaints about COVID also and was welcomed by all present. Nancy Centrella has resigned as administrative assistant. Appreciation for her outstanding work and dedication were expressed by all present.
- There has been one EEE human case reported to date and selective spraying in SE MA has been done. The DPH has a new interactive website where each town can review their risk for arbovirus based on mosquito testing. Worcester County has had no positive cases of WNV or EEE to date. DPH has regular contact with health departments in neighboring states.
- A meeting of the MVP Core Team will be held soon. Susan Franz, who has led the MVP process until now, has stepped down from this role. Fuss and O'Neill has completed their MVP 1 work and the final report is being reviewed. MVP 2 actions included a regional mosquito control conference attended by dozens of people representing towns and other interested parties. Andy Dey, a member of the Academic Public Health Volunteer Corps (APHVC), organized and led the conference. His full report is on the BOH webpage. Matching hours are being more accurately recorded through Clockify. The activities related to the grant will proceed through FY21. MVP 3 grant was submitted and the results of the application will be available in September.

2. CITIZEN'S FORUM

- Lynn Marchand commented briefly on Nancy Centrella's work.

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

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


- Lily Liu from the APHVC has revised the permit for animal keeping and Joann is reviewing it.

5. ADJOURNMENT

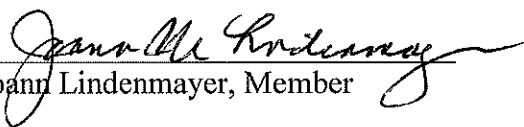
Motion: *Dr. Joann Lindenmayer moved that the BOH enter into Executive Session for the following reason: "To consider... screening". AND that the BOH will be adjourned without resuming an Open Meeting. Dr. David Tapscott seconded and the motion was passed unanimously with a vote of 2-0-0. Dr. David Tapscott – aye, Dr. Joann Lindenmayer – aye*

Executive Session was convened at 4:10pm

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