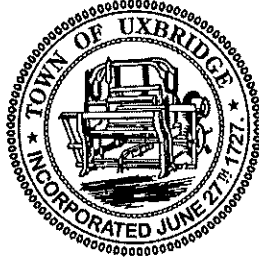


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**Minutes of the Uxbridge Board of Health meeting held on Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 4:30 PM**

**This meeting will be held remotely. For video meeting use**

Topic: Board of Health's Zoom Meeting  
Time: April 7, 2021 04:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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## **1. Regional Vaccination Clinic Updates and Vaccine Coordinator Position**

- Update of Vaccinations**

The clinic has been running smoothly. Thank you to the staff, Dr. Tapscott and Joann for spending so much time helping at the clinic. We have been allocated over 2300 doses each week until the end of April. We ran an additional clinic offering Jannsen vaccine to our hard-to-reach populations in Milford on Wednesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. We have good community participation and volunteers helping at each clinic but are working on getting each community to provide assistance on a regular basis. Joann expressed concern about individuals who do not speak English as a first language and being able to communicate with them. The State provides access to a 24/7 translation line that we have access to. It was noted that the communities have been using their senior centers to help register their higher risk individuals.

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Appreciation to our local businesses and to our State Reps and Senators for providing our volunteers food and drinks each week. There was concern about ventilation in the upcoming warm months in the gym. We are able to open doors and get air flow, but we will need fans and also are able to have many aspects of the clinic outdoors.

*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. MVP2 Update and RFR to MVP3**

Monthly reports submitted by Joann. A draft Open Space Recreation plan has been created with assistance from Conservation. Community Outreach is being done through a flyer sent with the property tax bills in May, in 2 languages. Permitting for culverts is being done through DPW using Beta, Inc engineering firm. Mosquito control services RFQ is being looked at by Town Counsel. It includes larvicide, community education and surveillance but no spraying. We have 3 months to spend the last of the funds for MVP2 but we can likely get an extension through October or November. Discussion about opting out of aerial spraying which will be discussed with Town Manager. Discussion on working with regional communities on shared public education and outreach. Energy and Environmental Affairs drew up a case study of Uxbridge for best practices regarding the MVP2 core monthly meetings. Climate Vulnerability master plan proposal will be submitted for MVP3 and hoping to have support from CMRPC. This is due May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**3. Shared Service Grant – CMRPC**

A proposal was submitted for a shared Inspector for the participating towns and includes a person dedicated to community health and communication. This position could build regional programming for behavioral health, population health, public education, all at the direction of the group. Northbridge is the host community for these positions.

**4. Monthly Reports: Director, Agent, Online Communications/Vaccine Coordinator, Administrative Assistant and Board Members**

Reports in the future will be submitted prior to the meetings for the Board to review.

1. Revisions to Article 14, Minimum Sanitation Standards for Private and Semi-Public Wells Many requests coming for well enhancements and/or hydrofracking. More discussion will be held with well drillers and with Steve Donatelli to discuss the possible revisions. Dr. Tapscott will also check with other towns and see their regulations (Hingham).

**Questions to be considered for revision of Article 14**

What are the standards we need to set for irrigation wells?

- Currently Article 14 says all irrigation wells must meet the standards for potable water.
- Other towns and the state model regulations recognize a different standard for non-potable water wells.

- Cross connection can be prohibited between either:
  - 1) non-potable and potable systems
  - 2) any two distribution systems
- Backflow prevention is recommended for any irrigation system where the irrigation field is 12-18 inches above the water source and a plumbing inspector is involved.

What are the standards for cross connection?

- Currently Article 14 says there can be no cross connection between a municipal water supply and a private water supply.
- As above, cross connection between any two water supply distribution systems can be prohibited.

What are well enhancement (deepening and/or hydrofracking) guidelines or regulations?

- Currently Article 14 does not address well enhancement. The application for a permit does have a space for writing it in. In practice, a new permit is given and well-driller report is done by the driller (having trouble finding the citation).
- MA well driller registration requires enhancement skill.
- There is no mention of post enhancement testing such as for bacteria.

## **5. Spring Town Meeting BOH recommendations**

At the Wednesday, April 7th Board of Health Meeting, the Board made the recommendation that Spring Town Meeting may be held indoors or outdoors, following the State and CDC's social distancing guidelines as well as safety procedures and capacity. There will be no limit on the length of the meeting. This recommendation may be revised if the Covid-19 transmission rate in Uxbridge goes above 5%. The percent positivity rate was 3.95% last week and up to 4.1% as of yesterday.

## **6. BOH positions reorg**

A motion was made that Dr. Tapscott was elected as the Chair of the Board of Health (3-0). A motion was made that Joann was elected as the Vice-Chair of the Board of Health (3-0). The new member who will be elected will come in as a Member of the Board of Health. Thank you to Michael Morrisette for all his time spent on the Board of Health.

## **7. CITIZEN'S FORUM**

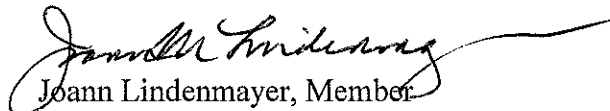
## **8. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

**9. ANY OTHER MATTER THAT MAY LAWFULLY COME BEFORE THE BOARD**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to adjourn:** *Dr. David Tapscott moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:45pm. 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

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Sara Manganelli, Administrative Assistant  
(Please see attached emails for Board approval of meeting minutes)