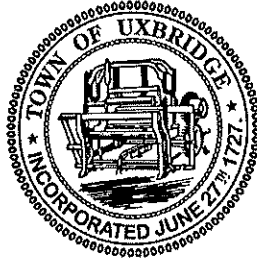


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Minutes of the Uxbridge Board of Health meeting held on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 4:00 PM

This meeting was held remotely

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

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

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1. REGULAR BUSINESS

- Board of Health Administrator

Sara Manganelli has been appointed at the new Administrator and will be starting November 30.

- Applications for Health Director

Two applications are currently being reviewed

- The Fall Annual Town Meeting

The meeting will be held outdoors due to high risk of COVID transmission. Diane has been working with the Town Manager, Steve Sette, to make arrangements. There currently is only one article on the warrant.

- School Status

Recently there have been 3 new cases reported from the school setting. The Director and Superintendent and the school nurses worked out a plan for contact tracing and notification. There will be a temporary closure of schools to in person learning on Monday, November 23rd, in order to get more information about positive tests and contacts. Jamie has arranged that the Harrington Hospital in Webster perform school contact testing for those who have trouble accessing testing otherwise. The Superintendent will announce new relevant data soon to families of students in UPS.

- Communications regarding COVID

Jamie reviewed the current status of the Town. There has been a total of 73 new cases reported in Uxbridge during the past two weeks. These are persons in isolation and represent active cases. An emergency meeting was held on the 16th to review the COVID status. Shane Keville-Wagner has joined the Health Department to assist with addressing COVID needs. There is a Code Red ready to go if the cases go higher and the state doesn't release an emergency alert soon. The Board of Health

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now has Twitter, Facebook and Instagram accounts to disseminate information. There is information on the Board of Health webpage. The school will also be forwarding information we have developed to the school community. The UCTV has also posted some information. Posters are available for local organizations and churches. All information released will be monitored by the Director and Health Agent.

Motion: Joann moved to make Erin Hightower the new Health Director for the Town of Uxbridge. Dr. David Tapscott seconded and the motion was passed unanimously with a vote of 2-0-0. Dr. David Tapscott – aye, Joann Lindenmayer – aye

2. CITIZEN'S FORUM

Citizens Forum (including questions previously received by the Board via email or on social media)

- Uxbridge is in the High Alert status because of number of cases reported. Lydia Taft plus community transmission accounts for the recent increase.
- Clusters (2 cases or more from the same setting) consist of households, social gatherings and other settings. The clusters seen in Uxbridge are similar to patterns seen throughout the state. Over 4000 of the 4500 clusters seen throughout the state are from households.
- There is no spread identified within the schools in Uxbridge so far. There is emerging data about how COVID is spread within schools regarding age-related transmission.
- Schools can give out general messaging about spread within the school system. They respect private health information and judgement is used about the level of detail released.
- Remote learning is always an option
- COVID testing is being set up at CVS in Uxbridge. The site will be outdoors. There will be a 15-minute turn-around time for results. The Director and Health Agent advised CVS on having an outdoor site for testing. The original plans had been to test within the walls of the store, which can pose an increased risk to patrons and staff of the store.
- Thanksgiving travel information is available on the state and Uxbridge websites

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

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


5. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Dr. David Tapscott moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:30pm. Joann Lindenmayer seconded and the motion was passed unanimously with a vote of 2-0-0. Dr. David Tapscott – aye, Joann Lindenmayer – aye

David Tapscott, Vice Chairman

Joann Lindenmayer, Member

Michael Morrisette, Chairman


Sara Manganelli, Administrative Assistant