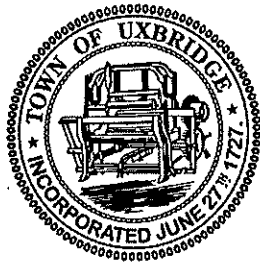


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Minutes of the Uxbridge Board of Health meeting held on Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at 4:00 PM

Present: Dr. David Tapscott, Chair; Dr. Joann Lindenmayer, Vice Chair, Dr. Cay Denherder, Member
Also present, Erin Hightower, Health Director; Kaitlin Donahue, Health Inspector; Sara Manganelli, Administrative Assistant

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

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1. Quaker Motor Lodge Update

The last occupant has left the premises. Reinspection will be done once the license to operate can be obtained from the Board of Selectman. Dr. Tapscott encouraged Bijal to be at the continuation of the public hearing on September 9, 2021.

2. Health Inspector Position Update

The new health inspector started on August 31, 2021. Her name is Kaitlin Donahue. She is starting to get use to the office and the procedures. Erin Hightower asked if a consultant can come in to train Kaitlin to get her up to speed. We are currently about 2 ½ months behind on food inspections. Kaitlin was hired at part time, 20 hours per week.

3. EEE/WNV – Mosquito Control Update

Dr. Jean Mukherjee from VectorScape, LLP reported 4 positive cases of WNV at 4 different sites. She advised people to take necessary precaution, and empty water from outdoor water containers, tires, pots, etc. every day to prevent egg laying. It only takes 2-3 days for mosquito larvae to hatch.

4. BinaxNOW Testing

BOH has received BinaxNOW testing kits. This is a rapid antigen test. Schools have been using them as part of there Test and Stay program. Erin and Sara will be taking the training on how to use the test kits. The testing will be offered to town employees and their families. Individual who are vaccinated and close contacts of COVID-positive people do not have to quarantine unless they are symptomatic.

5. Update on CMRPC Shared Services Grant

Two individuals were offered positions. Erin will be updated tomorrow.

6. Vote on rescinding BOH mask mandate in lieu of DESE mask requirement passed on 8/24/21 and to be reassessed on 10/1/21 by DESE

Dr. David Tapscott has responded to every email and phone call regarding the town's school mask mandate.

Dr. David Tapscott made a motion to rescind the mask mandate ordered by the BOH. Dr. Cay Denherder seconded and the motion was passed unanimously with a vote of 3-0-0. Dr. David Tapscott – aye, Dr. Joann Lindenmayer – aye, Dr. Cay Denherder - aye

7. Covid Update

As of today, there 27 COVID-19 cases have been reported within the last 2 weeks. Of those 22 are confirmed, 5 are probable. Twelve are under the age of 18 and two over the age of 60.

Erin let the state know that we are interested in booster clinics

8. Flu Clinic Discussion

We will be sharing flu vaccine for clinics with Hopedale, Mendon, Northbridge and Sutton. We will be working with Salmon VNA. Erin has been speaking with Dave Lyman regarding using McCloskey for some clinics.

9. Resources on BOH Website Page Review

We would like to update posting on the BOH web page.

10. Monthly Reports: Health Director, Administrative Assistant and Board Members

Reports were reviewed

11. CITIZEN'S FORUM

12. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Working on a back log of minutes

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

Dr. Cay Denherder is looking into starting a tire removal program. VectorScape, LLC can host an educational clinic to teach about mosquito life cycles.

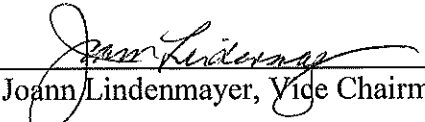
14. ADJOURNMENT

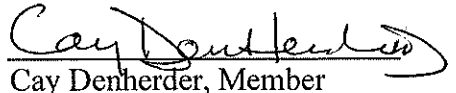
Motion to adjourn: *Dr. David Tapscott moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:20pm. Dr. Joann Lindenmayer seconded and*

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the motion was passed unanimously with a vote of 3-0-0. Dr. David Tapscott – aye, Dr. Joann Lindenmayer – aye, Dr. Cay Denherder – aye

David Tapscott, Chairman


Joann Lindenmayer, Vice Chairman


Cay Denherder, Member

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