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## TOWN OF UXBRIDGE **BOARD OF HEALTH**

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Minutes of the Uxbridge Board of Health Public Hearing held on Thursday, August 26, 2021 at 4:15pm in Lower Town Hall, 21 South Main Street, Uxbridge, MA

**Present:** David Tapscott, Chair; Joann Lindenmayer, Vice Chair; and Cay DenHerder, Member Also present: Erin Hightower, Director, Kaitlin Donahue, Health Inspector, Sara Manganelli, Administrative Assistant; and Jay Talerman, Town Counsel

Meeting called to order: The time being 4:15pm and the meeting duly posted with a quorum present, Chair Dr. Tapscott called the meeting to order.

### **BUSINESS**

# 1. <u>Continuation: Quaker Inn and Conference Center at 442 Quaker Highway. Orders to Correct Violations of State Sanitary Code:</u>

Dr. Tapscott reinspected the Quaker Inn at 9:00 am on August 26, 2021 with Bijal Patel (owner) and Kevin Kellewski (plumber). Five inspections have been performed at this location. Dr. Tapscott noted that in Building C, Rm. 138 was being painted, and in Rm. 139 the floor had not been replaced and there was no toilet. Workers were no longer staying in Building C and Rm. 124 was no longer occupied. The plumber said that the plumbing was complete. No plumbing inspection was scheduled until Dr. Tapscott's reinspection of Building C. The Inn was then scheduled for a plumbing reinspection on August 30<sup>th</sup> with the plumbing inspector. The fire inspection passed earlier this month.

Building C had no visible mold in the women's or men's bathroom in the basement or any signs of pests. These were issues of concern at the last meeting. On the ground floor Rooms 132, 134, 135 and 136 were being used for storage. There was lots of debris in those rooms. Room 137 was under construction, the window screen in Rm. 130 was repaired and there was no more food in room and no signs of pests. Between Rooms 135-137 there was a hole in the hallway that has been there for some time.

Bijal showed Dr. Tapscott the mattress covers that were still in their original packaging that was sent by the North East Hotel Supply Company. Since there are mattresses piled up and debris, Dr. Tapscott deems it as not habitable. There is one occupant still in Building B, living alone.

The Board requested a report from ServPro for mold remediation. There was a discussion about possibly charging a fee for reinspections. The Board would like to extend the hearing for another two weeks. The occupant in Building B will need to move before the next hearing.

Peter Demers, Select Board member approached the microphone and voiced his opinion that he believes the town is being "played" by the Quaker Inn. The Select Board is more concerned with making sure the buildings are safe for human habitation and the Select Board will decide whether or not to license the Inn.

Dr. Tapscott received a call during the meeting from Bijal Patel. He told her that she is responsible for getting a written action plan to the Board by Thursday, September 2, 2021, attending the BoH public hearing, submitting a report from ServPro regarding mold remediation. Bijal told him that the occupant in Building B will be out on the morning of August 27, 2021. Bijal asked for another month to work on these issues.

Motion: Cay Denherder made a motion to continue the public hearing related to the property, 442 Quaker Highway, The Quaker Inn & Conference Center on September 9, 2021 at 4:15pm. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 3-0-0. David Tapscott – aye, Joann Lindenmayer – aye, Cay Denherder – aye

#### CITIZEN'S FORUM

#### ANY OTHER MATTER THAT MAY LAWFULLY COME BEFORE THE BOARD

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Motion:** Dr. Tapscott moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:34pm. Joann Lindenmayer seconded. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 3-0-0. David Tapscott—aye, Joann Lindenmayer—aye, Cay Denherder—aye

David Tapscott, Chairman

Joann Lindenmayer, Vice Chairman

Cay DenHerder, Member

Sara Manganelli, Administrative Assistant