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# TOWN OF UXBRIDGE BOARD OF HEALTH

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

**Present:** David Tapscott, Chairman; and Dr. Joann Lindenmayer, Vice Chair Also present, Erin Hightower, Health Director; Sara Manganelli, Administrative Assistant, Irene Congdon, Jeanne Muckheriee

Meeting called to order: The time being 4:06 PM and a quorum present, Vice Chairman Dr. David Tapscott called the meeting to order.

## 1. Update on Health Agent Position

We have received 6 facebook responses and 3 resumes through Indeed regarding the 2 Shared Service positions being hosted by Northbridge.

#### 2. COVID-19 Status

Within the last 2 weeks there has been 11 positive cases, 6 of those were vaccinated. The status is low as of today. Masking is advised for people with weak immune systems, high risk, unvaccinated, on public transportation and health facilities. Joann said we should consider mandating masks if situations get much worse. Binax testing has been started for drive up at town hall through BOH by appointment only for municipal employees and their families. There are currently 765 Pfizer doses that have expired and we still have J&J available until September 15<sup>th</sup>, before they expire.

#### 3. Public Messaging (Web page, FB)

Attending website training webinars for updating BOH page and daily posts on Facebook.

#### 4. Quaker Inn Update

In Building C there is currently 5 occupants.

## 5. MVP2 - VectorScape Update

Jean Muckherjee informed us that 6-12 mosquito traps are being placed weekly. They stay overnight for catching. There are 7/8 sites. They are testing for EEE and WNV. Reports will be posted to BOH. As of today there has been 1 positive sample for WNV. The sample will be reported to the DPH. The next batch will be trapped on Friday, collected on Saturday and testing on Monday. The BOH has received 7-10 phone calls, emails with people concerned. Jean suggested having a public forum and communicating to the local Boy Scouts, bicycle clubs and stable owners. The senior center maybe a good location for the public forum.

#### 6. Revise Fee Schedule

Dr. David Tapscott made a motion to change all renewal dates to December 31<sup>st</sup> each year and remove Public Pool. The motion was passed unanimously with a vote of 2-0-0. Dr. David Tapscott – aye, Dr. Joann Lindenmayer – aye

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### 7. Curbside Trash/Recycle Hauler

Irene Congdon of Mass DEP was explaining the RFP was on hold due to staff changes and COVID. The survey was supportive. The deadline to reply with RFP is November 10, 2021. Through this grant, the town would own the trash/recycling carts. Town trash is exempt from Chapter 30B, (Uniform Procurement Act) procuring supply and services for municipalities. The town meeting is on October 26, 2021. The deadline is November 10<sup>th</sup> and will need approval from the Board of Selectman for purchase. July 2022 would be the start date. The next step would be to meet with the BOS.

Dr. David Tapscott made a motion to present to the Board of Selectman. The motion was passed unanimously with a vote of 2-0-0. Dr. David Tapscott – aye, Dr. Joann Lindenmayer – aye

8. Monthly Reports: Health Director, Health Agent, Administrative Assistant and Board Members
Reports were reviewed.

#### 9. CITIZEN'S FORUM

#### 10. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Dr. David Tapscott made a motion to approve August 10, 2020. April 7, 2021 and June 9, 2021 minutes. The motion was passed unanimously with a vote of 2-0-0. Dr. David Tapscott – aye, Dr. Joann Lindenmayer – aye

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

#### 12. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion to adjourn:** Dr. David Tapscott moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:52pm. 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, Chairman

Joann Lindenmayer, Vice Chairman

Sara Manganelli, Administrative Assistant