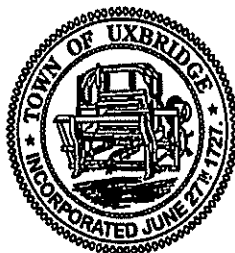


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**Minutes of the Uxbridge Board of Health hybrid meeting held on
Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 12:00 PM**

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Present: Dr. David Tapscott, Chair; Dr. Joann Lindenmayer, Vice Chair and Dr. Cay DenHerder, Member

Also present, Erin Hightower, Health Director; Kaitlin Donahue, Health Inspector, Missy Kakela-Boisvert, Administrative Assistant, Town Counsel Elizabeth Lydon and Paul Knapik on the behalf of his parents Walter and Aline Knapik

Meeting called to order: The time being 12:00 PM and a quorum present, Dr. David Tapscott, Chair called the meeting to order.

Discussion on changes to Article 9: Rules and Regulations relative to the keeping, raising and exhibition of animals within the town of Uxbridge as well as the permit application for the keeping of animals – This was a working meeting to review Article 9, “Rules and Regulations relative to Keeping, Raising and Exhibition of Animal within the town of Uxbridge. The board met with Town Counsel Elizabeth Lydon, Health Director Erin Hightower and Kaitlin Donahue to revise, discuss and make changes to the Article. After two and a half hours of discussion, the board suspended discussions on section 9 until their next meeting.

Mr. Paul Knapik addressed the board with a few questions. His questions concerned the number of applications, hearings and abutter notification under the existing regulations. The Board is considering a change for new applications that once abutters have been notified, the abutter can request a hearing by the Board of Health. If there is no request then there will be no hearing.

The current status of the application for 86 William Ward Street is that its still under review. Animal Inspector Guilbault has inspected the property and the applicant did send out notification to those who are direct abutters. Health Director, Erin Hightower did speak to Mrs. Knapik and is concerned that there may be a nuisance. Mr. Paul Knapik said the chickens are in his parents' yard daily. Complaints have been made and the Board did nothing. This issue came about because the applicant was in violation of Article 9 last year. Animal Inspector Guilbault did go out last year to do an inspection. There have been complaints since then and the Board has not acted. Dr. Tapscott asked what Mr. Knapik would like to have done. His response was to look at the application and hear it based on your current regulations, then issue or deny the permit. That is all he is looking for, is the Board follow the

process. Kaitlin Donahue, Health Inspector added that it was not administratively possible to follow the regulations as written and this is one of the reasons for making changes.

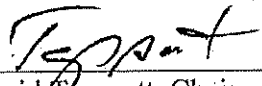


There has been a request for a hearing from an abutter of 86 William Ward Street regarding the application for keeping of animals. There will be a hearing on April 13, 2022 at 5:30 pm and the Board will notify abutters that are 300 feet from the property. Dr. Cay DenHerder will be out of town that day and will not be able to participate.

As far as the other applications for keeping of animals, Animal Inspector Guilbault has inspected all premises and the only hold up is abutter notification. Town Counsel Elizabeth Lydon said what you can do is have an agenda item on the next meeting listing all the applicants and next steps. She told the Board at that meeting they can discuss whether or not to waive the abutter notification based on the administrative problem in the current regulations.

Next regular meeting will be April 6th.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: *Dr. Joann Lindenmayer moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:24 PM. Dr. Cay DenHerder seconded and the motion was passed unanimously with a vote of 3-0-0. Dr. David Tapscott - aye, Dr. Joann Lindenmayer and Dr. Cay DenHerder - aye*

		
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