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## TOWN OF UXBRIDGE BOARD OF HEALTH

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## Minutes of the Uxbridge Board of Health hybrid meeting held on October 19, 2022 at 6:00 PM

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

Also present: Erin Hightower, Health Director via zoom; Missy Kakela-Boisvert, Administrative Assistant

Not Present: Kaitlin Donahue, Health Inspector

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## Meeting called to order:

The time being 6:01 PM and a quorum present, Chairman Dr. David Tapscott called the meeting to order.

Inspection/complaints updates — Erin explained that the Board of Selectmen hired a consultant to work on the Cresco odor/nuisance issue. They met last week. The consultant is going over the odor mitigation report. Basically, he said it is not very well done. So, he will give his expert responses to all the issues they noted. Kaitlin and Erin drove thru the neighborhood yesterday and found that the odor was really strong even though they were in the car with the windows up. CRESTCO has not mitigated the odor at all. Dr. Lindenmayer asked who the consultant is and what are their credentials. The company name is Tech Environmental out of Waltham and his name is Michael Lannon. Erin does not know his specific credentials.

Kaitlin continues to investigate rat complaints. She has worked on an information sheet that she will give out to neighbors in areas where evidence of rats is found. There's still an issue on Rivulet Street where backyard chickens are attracting rats. The homeowner has not responded to any letters sent or to any inspectors that try to talk to him. Next step will be to have a constable serve the orders.

206 Hazel Street, the owner called and talked to Kaitlin today. Ms. Barry had some plumbing work done but there was no permit pulled. Erin will reach out to letting Ms. Barry know a permit needs to be applied for and permit issued.

**COVID updates** – Town meeting recommendations would be the same as the advisory that is in effect. Positivity rate is going up in the northeast which is based on waste water testing. Uxbridge wastewater treatment has been showing a slow increase in virus concentration.

Erin informed the board that the BVPPH hired Jack Sullivan at the new epidemiologist. BVPPH just had a meeting and agreed on the information that he would be providing and Erin will start posting that soon.

There were two clinics, the one at the senior center was just covid and 89 vaccines were given. The second clinic was flu and covid, 103 flu shots were administered and 44 covid.

Vote to update Article 14: Minimum Sanitation Standards for Private and Semi-Public Wells – The board reviewed Dr. Tapscott's recommendation to revise the Private and Semi-Public Wells. Missy will send Dr. Tapscott the word document version of the current regulations so he can make the proper changes.

**EAT requests** – Erin reached out to Shane with Region 2 HMCC to see if Stop the Bleed kits could be purchased with PHEP funding and they cannot. He suggested reaching out to the MRC's. On another note, Jamie Terry the emergency preparedness planner was at the flu/covid clinic and she made the suggestion to requesting a vaccine cooler from Region 2 HMCC.

**Overall Grant Update** – Dr. Tapscott gave update on the latest MVP.

**Motion to adjourn:** Dr. Cay DenHerder moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 pm. Dr. Joann Lindenmayer 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

David Tapscott, Chairman

Joann Lindenmayer, Vice Chairman