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**Minutes of the Uxbridge Board of Health hybrid
meeting held on
September 21, 2022 at 5:30 PM**

Present: Dr. David Tapscott, Chairman; and Dr. Cay DenHerder, Member

Also present: Erin Hightower, Health Director; Kaitlin Donahue, Health Inspector; Missy Kakela-Boisvert, Administrative Assistant

Not Present: Dr. Joann Lindenmayer, Vice Chair

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Meeting called to order:

The time being 5:30 PM and a quorum present, Chairman Dr. David Tapscott called the meeting to order.

867 Quaker Highway Well Variance – This is a commercial building with a well that was drilled prior to the well regulations which required a permit. There was a Title V done in 2021 and it passed the inspection. Current well regulation require a well be 25 feet away from a driveway and the well is located in the parking lot. The present owner put in a new well pump last year. There is a metal sleeve around the well head but it is unknown how many feet below ground. Well test results show its potable. Dr. Tapscott asked Erin to read what would constitute a variance. Erin read the following

“The Board may vary the application of any provision of these regulations to any particular case when in its opinion the enforcement thereof would manifest an injustice, provided that the decision of the Board of Health shall not conflict with the spirit of these regulations and the applicant has proved that the same degree of public health and environmental protection can be achieved without strict application of a particular provision(s). The applicant for any variance shall pay for any advertising and/or mailings required for processing the variance.”

She also noted that the regulations state

“Any condition that existed prior to the effective date of these regulations shall not be grandfathered or regarded as exempt from these regulations.”

Dr. DenHerder is assuming the water is to be used for drinking. The structure now is considered a warehouse but we don't know what the future use will be. Dr. Tapscott had told the current owner and the buyer that if the well services 25 people or more within 60 days of one year, it would be considered a public water supply and would come under DEP.

Dr. Tapscott is recommending the property owner apply for a well permit and the board grant a variance for that permit know that the well already meets standards with exception of setbacks. Dr. DenHerder asked that if the property owner removed some of the asphalt, then the well would meet the requirements. Erin and the buyer Liam said yes.

Stop the Bleed Update – Erin met with Chief Dion along with other fire department members to

Stop the Bleed Update – Erin met with Chief Dion along with other fire department members to try to put this together starting with the schools. Unfortunately, the schools have no time in their calendar this year to have a training done. The school is looking into a stipend to pay staff to come to class outside of work hours. Erin will be looking to fund some Stop the Bleed kits from Region 2 HMCC.

Inspection updates - no updates on 206 Hazel Street. Erin explained that we use Housing Code Pro as an inspection tool for doing housing inspection reports. It was part of the BVPPH grant and it has had nothing but problems. Kaitlin has spent many hours working on glitches. So, Uxbridge will be giving it up and go back to paper inspection reporting.

COVID updates – Dr. Tapscott has been reviewing the sewerage date and there is more covid in the wastewater than this past spring. He was wondering if this was true with case reports. Erin told him its not. Most people are testing at home if they are testing and home test are not reported. On October 13th the board of health will have a Covid booster clinic at the senior center from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm and a combined flu and Covid booster clinic on October 17th at the Uxbridge High School 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Article 14: Minimum Sanitation Standards for Private and Semi-Public Wells – Dr. Tapscott has been reviewing other towns with regards to irrigation wells. He attend a drinking water seminar and there was someone from DEP present. He asked if DEP looked at the amount of water being drawn off the aquifers for non-potable water like irrigation wells or industrial wells and he was told no. Dr. Tapscott made some proposed changes to the well regulations. He asked if Dr. DenHerder and Dr. Lindenmayer to review and make comments.

Missy did ask if someone is drilling a geothermal well for heating and cooling, is a well permit required. Dr. Tapscott said yes.

Shared Service Grant Update (BVPPH) - There was an offer extended to a gentleman for epidemiologist position. If he accepts he will work part time for BVPPH and for another region part time.

MVP – There was a Kick off Meeting on Monday attended by all members of the Core Team. The project Director for Fuss and O’Neil and the MVP Regional Coordinator. On Monday evening the project was presented to the Select Board who reacted positively.

Minutes for September 7, 2022 *Dr. Cay DenHerder made a motion to approve the minutes from September 7, 2022. Dr. David Tapscott seconded and the motion was passed unanimously with a vote of 2-0-0. Dr. David Tapscott – aye, Dr. Cay DenHerder - aye*

Marchand LLC - Erin talked to the board regarding Marchand LLC. This is a trash and septic hauler that is unpermitted in town and is still operating in town doing trash pick-up. They have submitted documents for their permitting application which are inaccurate and may be operating vehicles unapproved by DOT, without non-criminal disposition, our only option is to take him to court with a criminal charge. Erin asked does the board want to ask the Select Board to approve a request for town Counsel to file a court order.

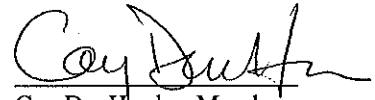
Dr. Cay DenHerder made a motion to request the selectmen allow town counsel to proceed with filing a court order to Marchand Environmental, Marchand LLC and Smart Rentals. Dr. David Tapscott seconded and the motion was passed unanimously with a vote of 2-0-0. Dr. David Tapscott – aye, Dr. Cay DenHerder - aye

Motion to adjourn: Dr. Cay DenHerder moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:47pm. Dr. David Tapscott seconded and the motion was passed unanimously with a vote of 2-0-0. Dr. David Tapscott – aye, Dr. Cay DenHerder - aye



David Tapscott, Chairman

Joann Lindenmayer, Vice Chairman



Cay DenHerder, Member