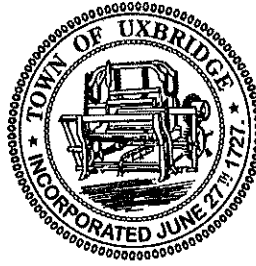


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Minutes of the Uxbridge Board of Health hybrid meeting held on Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at 4:00 PM

Present: Dr. David Tapscott, Chairman; Dr. Joann Lindenmayer, Vice Chair; and Dr. Cay Denherder, Member
Also present, Erin Hightower, Health Director; Kaitlin Donahue, Health Inspector; Sara Manganeli, Administrative Assistant

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting called to order:

The time being 4:00 PM and a quorum present, Chairman Dr. David Tapscott called the meeting to order.

- 1. Monthly Reports** – Please see the attached
- 2. Tobacco Control** – Joan Hamlet Director the Board of Health Tobacco Control Alliance, and DJ Wilson Mass Municipal Association attended. Joan has been doing tobacco inspections for Uxbridge. She is the tobacco control agent serving at the board's will until June 30, 2022, and maybe longer depending on funding. She does one retail education visit, one youth access inspection, which is a check to make sure they don't sell to minors, and a pricing survey. They will also handle enforcement for the Board. They will email reports and enforcement options to the Board for their review. The board can act or vote to have this collaborative to be their tobacco agent and then they will handle enforcement orders.

DJ Wilson explained that under the Board's current regulation for enforcement non-criminal disposition **may** be used. A state law was passed a few years ago, not long after a DPH regulation was passed. In that regulation and State law it is mandated that anybody caught selling tobacco products or vaping products to a person under the age of 21 or selling prohibited flavored products or vape products according to their strengths will be fined according to the state fine regardless of what the local regulations say. The fining structure is \$1,000.00 (one thousand dollars) for first offense, \$2,000.00 (two thousand dollars) for the second offense and \$5,000.00 (five thousand dollars) the third time. There was discussion about the role of the local Board, the use of Non-criminal disposition and the size of the fine. The fine would stand regardless of local regulations because of the DPH regulations and state law.

Dr. Cay DenHerder moved that the board appoint the staff of the board of health tobacco control alliance as tobacco control agents. Dr. Joann Lindenmayer seconded and the motion was passed unanimously with a vote of 3-0-0. Dr. Joann Lindenmayer – aye, Dr. Cay DenHerder - aye Dr. David Tapscott – aye

BOH Complaint Updates and Discussion – Rob and Paul Knapik are representing their parents Walter and Aline Knapik who reside at 90 William Ward Street. Their mother made an inquiry about the abutting property. The board received a letter back in October from Mrs. Knapik. According to the Animal-Keeping regulations a person can keep up to seven chickens without a permit from the Board

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because there are more than eight chickens at 86 William Ward Street and the Knapik's asked the board back in October to enforce Article 9. They are here today because as far as they know nothing has happened and the number of chickens has increased. Now there seems to be at least 30 chickens. The Knapik's are asking the board to enforce their own regulations with regards to Article 9 against the owners of 86 William Ward Street.

Last year the owners of 86 William Ward Street did get a permit for keeping 26 chickens. They have not applied for a permit for 2022.

3. Covid Status

Cases –

Vaccines

Clinics

Municipal Buildings/other updates. There was extensive discussion about COVID cases, testing, and alarmingly reduced hospital capacity due to increasing number of severe COVID patients.

Public Comment:

Dr. Cay DenHerder made a motion to issue a mask mandate starting 12:01pm on Saturday, January 15, 2022 and reviewed on February 2, 2022, the next Board of Health meeting and may be extended to a further date if the Board deems it is necessary. See Uxbridge Mask Mandate attachment for full description of the mask mandate. Dr. David Tapscott seconded and the motion was passed unanimously with a vote of 3-0-0. Dr. Cay DenHerder – aye, Dr. Joann Lindenmayer – aye, Dr. David Tapscott – aye,

4. Recycling/Trash Updates

Erin Hightower stated that the cart grant by the DEP needs to be signed by the end of 2022. Erin created a survey to send out by email to, the senior center, library and town hall

5. Aeternum Tattoo – Needs an apprenticeship letter

6. Shared Service Grant Update (BVPPH)

7. Overall Grant Update

MVP-

Green Communities

Air Quality Monitoring – No response yet

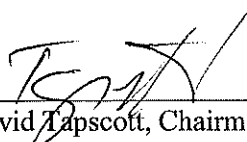
8. Citizen's Forum

9. Approval of meeting minutes

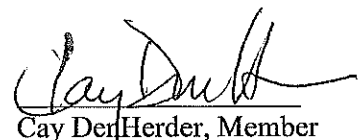
10. Any other matter that may lawfully come before the board

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: *Dr. David Tapscott moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:45pm. 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


Cay DenHerder, Member