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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, March 18, 2020 at 5:00 pm

This meeting was held remotely

Present: Michael Morrissette, Chair, David Tapscott, Vice Chair and Joann Lindenmayer, Member Also present, Kristin Black, Director, Nancy Centrella, Admin. Assistant, Steve Sette, Town Manager

Meeting called to order: The time being 5:10 pm and the meeting duly posted with a quorum present, Chairman Morrissette called the meeting to order.

BUSINESS

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1. 2019 Coronavirus

Kristin said that state funding will soon be released to local towns through Central MA Regional Planning Committee (CMRPC). More information to come. The Emergency Planning Team is communicating every day and we are also updating the website regularly when we receive any new information and guidance from the state. Messages will also go out using the town's Code Red system.

The Uxbridge Police Dept. reached out to us to let us know that large groups have been forming at the skate park in town. At this time, the Board does not want to close parks and playgrounds, but we need to do something to try to limit the number of people gathering in public places. President Trump recently released a campaign titled "15 Days to Slow the Spread." https://www.whitehouse.gov/articles/15-days-slow-spread/ The Board would like to post signs reminding people of these very important social distancing rules. This could also apply to hair salons and gyms.

Motion: Joann Lindenmayer moved that the Board of Health prohibits all gatherings of 10 or more people on all town owned property. David Tapscott seconded and the motion passed unanimously with a vote of 3-0-0. Michael Morrissette – aye, David Tapscott – aye, Joann Lindenmayer – aye

Kristin is in constant contact with the town's Public Health, Ann Labonte. There are currently no positive cases in Uxbridge. David has spoken with Representative Mike Soter. His staff is constantly updating their website with important information and videos https://www.soterrep.com/. Joann knows of some rabies clinics that are still being offered and she will provide that information to us. David will share any community services that are being made available.

For more information and to follow updates visit:tinyurl.com/uxbridgecoronavirus.

2. Green Community Grant Update

The application deadline has been extended to May 1st.

3. Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) update

Susan Franz has been handling all matters concerning MVP grant I, thank you very much Susan. We have been given some leeway on our match hours. All that is left to do are some technical reports and a community meeting. The MVP grant II has somewhat been put on hold due to the Board working primarily on the Covid-19 response. These hours will most likely be able to be used towards this grant because part of the grant concerns emergency response.

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(the agenda was taken out of order)

4. Uxbridge Clean-up Day, April 4, 2020

This event has been postponed with no new date at this time. Follow-up with anyone who has signed up including restaurants that have offered to donate food. Re-scheduling in the fall will be difficult due to poison ivy concerns. We will stay in touch with Bonnie Combs on this. David will also discuss with his RSC group.

5. Draft FY21 Budget

The town will be receiving state & federal funds to help with the Coronavirus. More information to come on how these funds can be spent. The original plan, pre Covid-19, was for Steve to present the first draft of his budget to the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee on March 26th. Fin Com will then conduct their hearings in April. The final budget will be presented at Town Meeting which is currently scheduled for May 12th, but that date may have to be rescheduled.

ADMINISTRATIVE - Approval of Meeting Minutes: 2/12/2020, 3/13/2020

Motion: David Tapscott moved to approve the minutes of 2/12/2020 as written. Joann Lindenmayer seconded and the motion passed unanimously with a vote of 3-0-0. Michael Morrissette – aye, David Tapscott – aye, Joann Lindenmayer – aye

Motion: Joann Lindenmayer moved to approve the minutes of 3/13/2020 as written. David Tapscott seconded and the motion passed unanimously with a vote of 3-0-0. Michael Morrissette – aye, David Tapscott – aye, Joann Lindenmayer – aye

The board will send Nancy an email approving the minutes and giving her permission to sign them on their behalf.

CITIZEN'S FORUM

Ian Haire joined the meeting to introduce himself and express his interest in working with the board as an intern this summer. He is currently a Senior at Bridgewater State University majoring in Public Health. Kristin asked him to apply through the MDPH program, which he did, and is currently waiting to hear if he was accepted. The program is mostly for Masters students, but they do accept some undergrads as well. The board could use his help now on Covid-19, but he will get approval from his advisor. Joann has heard from a contact with the DVM-MPH program who may have some interns to help as well.

ANY OTHER MATTER THAT MAY LAWFULLY COME BEFORE THE BOARD

ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A Section 21a-3, it is necessary for the Board of Health to enter into executive session to discuss the Health Director's contract. The Board will not reconvene at the conclusion of the executive session.

Motion: David Tapscott moved to enter into executive session for the purpose stated. Joann Lindenmayer seconded and the motion passed unanimously with a vote of 3-0-0. Michael Morrissette – aye, David Tapscott – aye, Joann Lindenmayer – aye

ADJOURNMENT 6:13 pm

Michael Morrissette, Chairman	David Tapscott, Vice Chairman	Joann Lindenmayer, Member
These minutes were approved at a Board of Health meeting held remotely on		, 2020. Please see attached emails.
Nancy Centrella, Administrative As	ssistant	