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Minutes of the Uxbridge Board of Health meeting held on Monday, January 22, 2018 in Lower Town Hall Meeting Room, 21 South Main Street, at 5:00 PM

Present: Chairman Michael Morrissette, Vice Chair, Dr. David Tapscott, Member, Dr. Joann Lindenmayer

Also present, Kristin Black, Health Agent

Meeting to order: The time being 5:03 pm and the meeting duly posted with a quorum present Chairman Morrissette called the meeting to order.

New Business:

35/37 Pinecrest, Fred Lapham, Shea Engineering, speaks on behalf of the owners. The soils testing will be completed this week. This is a priority installation because this system is in active failure. The clients will have the tank pumped as needed. The need will be determined by the pumping company who will check on the tank to determine effluent level. The client has placed a moratorium on the use of the laundries at this site in order to avoid unnecessary pumping of the system.

When the weather breaks it will take approximately 1-1/2 weeks to do the total installation and the residents will be using a tight tank system to capture the effluent.

Motion: Dr. Tapscott that the owners of 35/37 Pinecrest submit a record of the weekly inspections and pumping until the new system is installed. **Seconded:** Dr. Lindenmayer. **The vote was unanimous.**

Valley Disposal, John Lesperence is in attendance. Valley Disposal was not permitted in 2017 and is not permitted in 2018. John brought the completed permits to the meeting with him and the checks, for permitting, were sent to the office earlier this week.

2018 Priorities and Initiatives:

- Emergency Planning, the departments that should be involved, equipment availability, technical grants
- Green Communities, access a lot of money if 5-6 requirement are met. Insulating buildings, replacing worn out furnaces, adoption of stretch code which is a building code that has to do with energy efficiency.
- Municipal Trash with a grant offer through MAC Project Assistance a trash & recycling survey has been mailed to residents and they are already beginning to come in.
- Health Profile, Dr. Lindenmayer, speaks to the need for profiles on disease relevant to the Town of Uxbridge.
- 2018 MDPH Local Health Internship Program, Mass DPH, Division of Epidemiology and Immunization, Dr. Tapscott spoke about some of the ways an intern would help with current projects; help implement the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, The opioid crisis, make contact with agencies to gather data and develop a preventative plan, Ground Water Protection, update maps and review regulations.

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- Report from the Recycling and Sustainability Committee, Dr. Tapscott spoke about the Uxbridge Community MAC Grant.
- **Special Event**, Family Continuity, Whitinsville, MA and the Northbridge Coalition are presenting a forum on Homelessness in the Blackstone Valley on Thursday, January 25th, 2018 in the Northbridge High School media center. Board members will attend.
- Review of FY2019 Budget

Board discussed FY2019 Budget including the addition of line items such as, the Sharps Program, Emergency Planning, and a Revolving Account for septic fees. Municipal Recycling and the need for increased staffing hours for the Health Agent in consideration of all the new programs that have been taken on by the Board.

• Approval of meeting minutes of 12/20/2017,

Motion: Dr. Tapscott to approve the minutes of 12/20/2018 as written. **Seconded**, Dr. Lindenmayer. The vote was unanimous.

• Signing of Article XIX, Rules and Regulations for Commercial/Residential Refuse/Recycling Permitting and Operation. Previously approved at meeting on 12/20/2018.

Old Business:

- •775 Millville Road, still under litigation.
- McDonald's 200 Quaker Highway, Dixon, Inc., is currently installing the new septic system and making good progress.
- Forefront Solar Farm, Dr. Tapscott advised the Board that he has had communication with Forefront Solar Farm regarded Board of Health issues with the project including high ground water levels, the company responded with proposed areas to be tested. Dr. Tapscott would like clarification by the Planning Board and Graves Engineering regarding the aforementioned as well as erosion. Also, on gravel & soils importation they will be required to follow our soils importation regulations and apply for a permit.

Any other matter that may lawfully come before the Board: No one present.

Adjournment 6:24 PM: Motion, Dr. Lindenmayer to adjourn tonight's meeting. **Seconded**, Dr. Tapscott. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted, Denise Delannoy, Administrative Assistant

Michael Morfissette, Chairman

Dr. David Tapscott, Vice Chairman

Dr/Joann Lindenmayer, Member