

Michael Morrissette, Chairman
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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, August 29, 2018 at 4:30pm in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, 21 South Main Street, Uxbridge, MA

Present: Michael Morrissette, Chair, David Tapscott, Vice Chair, Joann Lindenmayer, Member. Also present, Kristin Black, Health Agent, Leslie Fowle, Intern and Denise Delannoy, Admin. Assistant

Meeting called to order: The time being 4:37 pm and the meeting duly posted with a quorum present, Chairman Morrissette called the meeting to order.

NEW BUSINESS

(the agenda was taken out of order)

1. Draft Local Board of Health Tobacco Regulations

Discussion on Article XVIII: Regulation Restricting the Sale of Tobacco Products – If draft is approved, a Public Hearing will be scheduled for next month. Leslie presented some statistics from the US Surgeon General Report from 2016. No current stats for Uxbridge. The proposed regulation raising the minimum age to 21 will go into effect statewide in 2019. MA general law will prohibit the sale of tobacco products in schools and healthcare institutions (including pharmacies). These new regulations will expand the definition to include e-cigarettes and flavored tobacco products. The violations will remain the same. We will check with town counsel to see if violators will be prohibited from selling products if fines are not paid. There will be 14 licenses available in the town. Regulations may need to be revised in the future as businesses close or retire. All businesses will be notified when a public hearing is scheduled. Fine amounts may need to be raised. We will ask town counsel to review this draft. Public comments were then heard:

Nicholas John, Northeast Region Manager of the R Street Institute, spoke about increased vaping among minors. He agrees with some changes to the regulations, but says that there is science to prove that e-cigarettes and vaping are safer than combustible nicotine products. He stated that he would like the products to remain in the stores and be made available to adults over the age of 21.

Dennis Lane, Executive Director of the Coalition for Responsible Retailing, spoke about the importance of not selling to minors. Kids will still be able to get these products on-line. Businesses will suffer if these products are removed from their stores. Would like to see Purchase/Possession/Use laws in MA. 45 Other states have these laws in effect. The Board would like to see actual data on how this is already affecting businesses in other towns.

Motion: David Tapscott moved to approve the draft of the Tobacco Regulations, have them reviewed by town counsel and proceed with the Public Hearing. Joann Lindenmayer seconded and the motion passed unanimously with a vote of 3-0-0.

Discussion on Article XXIV: Regulation Prohibiting the use of Tobacco and Marijuana Products in Workplaces and Public Places (formerly referred to as Environmental Tobacco Smoke Regulations) – Kristin spoke about the town of Framingham's regulations. Our current regulation is very out of date. Changes will be added to include no smoking within 15 feet of any entrance to public buildings, which will include e-cigarettes and marijuana.

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Motion: Joann Lindenmayer moved to tailor the town of Framingham's regulation, have it reviewed by town counsel and proceed with a Public Hearing. David Tapscott seconded and the motion passed unanimously with a vote of 3-0-0.

2. Request for Proposals of Municipal Trash/Recycling Services

Discussion – Kristin recommends that the next step should be to put the contract out to bid to see if we want to move forward with the process. MA DEP has incentives to start a municipal program by July 30, 2019. Once we get the bids back, a public hearing would be held to answer any resident questions or concerns.

Motion: David moved to proceed with a request for proposals for the Municipal Trash and Recycling Services. Joann Lindenmayer seconded and the motion passed unanimously with a vote of 3-0-0.

3. Designate Public Health Emergency Preparedness Region Representative(s)

Discussion – Joann is the current Representative and Kristin is the alternate. PHEP requires a letter each year.

Motion – David Tapscott moved to have Joann as the Designate Public Health Emergency Preparedness Region Representative and Kristen be the alternate. Joann seconded and the motion passed unanimously with a vote of 3-0-0.

4. Schedule for Board of health meetings for remainder of the year

9/18/2018, 10/16/2018, 11/14/2018, 12/18/2018, 1/16/2019

5. Board of Health Admin. Position and office staffing in transition

Discussion – There are no internal candidates at this time. We have received about 5 external applications. We will put together a standard list of questions. Mike can sit in on any afternoon interviews with Kristin, and David can be there for any morning interviews.

6. Mosquito Monitoring Control and Outreach

Discussion – We are currently at a moderate level, but there have been 4 recent human cases and 2 animal cases of West Nile Virus in the region. We have not been part of a control program since June, 2012. The program is very expensive and the town voted it down. We're trying to get the word out to the public through the VNA, Tri-River and the Senior Center. Seniors are more susceptible to the virus. If our levels were to rise, we could hold an emergency meeting to discuss further action. We could use the community message boards and/or reverse 911 calls to get the word out to as many people as possible.

7. Request for Professional Development, Soil Evaluator Training for Health Agent

Discussion – The class is held in Worcester in the fall. There are 4 classroom sessions and 4 field sessions. The total cost is \$780.00 which we do have in our budget. Most Board of Health agents have this training and certification.

Motion – Joann Lindenmayer moved to approve use of Board of Health funds for Professional Development, Soil Evaluator Training for Kristin Black. David Tapscott seconded and the motion passed unanimously with a vote of 3-0-0.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Groundwater Monitoring at 175 South Street associated with ACO for Green Acres Reclamation

Discussion – Kristin made a request to the Board to write a letter to DEP to make sure the well monitoring takes place in August, 2019 in accordance with the ACO. She will also request that quarterly monitoring take place and that the results be forwarded to our office.

***Motion** – David Tapscott moved to authorize the Health Agent to write a letter to MA DEP requesting that the terms of the ACO be upheld by having monitoring wells tested in August and recommending that the monitoring be changed to quarterly. Joann Lindenmayer seconded and the motion passed unanimously with a vote of 3-0-0.*

2. Clark University Summer Research Plan: Uxbridge Aquifer and Atlas project

Discussion – Leslie presented to the MA Dept of Public Health. She compiled all of the soil load acceptance data along with any information regarding contamination at any of the sites. She sent all of the information to Clark University who will use it for their Atlas project. Uxbridge will use this information to create a GIS map showing all of the soil sites in town.

3. Greater Milford Community Health Network (CHNA 6) grant opportunity

Discussion – It is a \$5000 grant. David spoke about the initial grant focusing on drug use in general but geared towards the youth. The first stage is to gather information to see what programs and resources are available. The next part of the grant will focus on devising a program on drug prevention starting as early as middle school. He researched other programs to see what has worked in the past. Parents, families and law enforcement need to be involved. It should also be part of the social and emotional curriculum in order for it be effective.

***Motion** – Joann Lindenmayer moved for the Board of Health to provide a letter of support for this grant opportunity through CHHA 6. David Tapscott seconded and the motion passed unanimously with a vote of 3-0-0.*

4. Updates on Recycling and Sustainability Committee – RSC is forming a “Friends of the RSC” group and they held their first meeting at the Public Library. They will participate in Uxbridge First Night.

5. Review of Emergency Planning status

Discussion – Will reach out to the Emergency Management Director to work on a plan for next year to deal with the extreme heat. Maybe have an air conditioned place for the public to go, lower town hall, for example. Joann reached out to the region to possibly have a table top exercise in the near future to deal with emergency situations. The first meeting on this will be held in November.

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6. Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program (MVP)

Discussion – There will be a town wide workshop with the CMRPC which will result in a plan for responding to major hazards in town and how to mitigate them. We will then be eligible for a grant up to \$400,000 from the state.

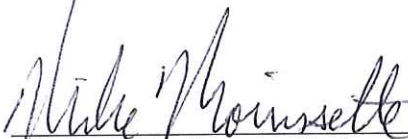
7. MA Dept of Public Health/Local Board of Health Internship – Leslie will present her data at the next Board of Health meeting.

ANY OTHER MATTER THAT MAY LAWFULLY COME BEFORE THE BOARD

The Board thanked Denise Delannoy for her 18 years of service.

ADJOURNMENT 6:37 pm

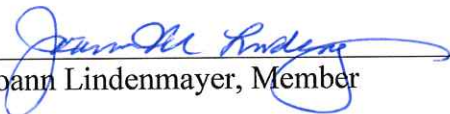
Motion: *David Tapscott moved to adjourn the meeting, Joann Lindenmayer seconded and the motion passed unanimously with a vote of 3-0-0.*



Michael Morrisette, Chairman



David Tapscott, Vice Chairman



Joann Lindenmayer, Member