

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

**Town of Uxbridge
Board of Health**
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Minutes of the Uxbridge Board of Health meeting held on Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at 5:30pm in the Board of Selectmen 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 and Nancy Centrella, Admin. Assistant

Meeting called to order: The time being 5:32 pm and the meeting duly posted with a quorum present, Chairman Morrissette called the meeting to order.

(the agenda was taken out of order)

OLD BUSINESS

1. Clark University Research Plan: Uxbridge Aquifer and Atlas Project

David is working with Clark University to provide an Atlas for the town. Field testing of surface and well water on areas adjacent to importation of potentially contaminated material has begun to establish a base-line for the long range project. The water samples will be tested for contaminants of concern generated by an analysis of the material from the various sites of origin. Clark University has secured small grants to help cover the cost but additional funds are needed to cover some of the water testing. The Board of Health funds are currently available for targeted testing as noted above.

***Motion:** David Tapscott moved to authorized up to \$2,000.00 to be used towards water testing of nearby wells to the soil importation projects. Funds are to be paid from Professional Services account. Joann Lindenmayer seconded and the motion was passed unanimously with a vote of 3-0-0.*

2. Municipal Vulnerability Project (MVP) Action Grant planning

Joann received a draft report from CMRPC. Sections related to BOH highlight communications in emergency response, shelters and information/technology. She has been meeting with the core team to discuss all aspects as it pertains to the town. The report has been sent to Andrew Loew for revisions and all of the information will be put in the grant application in January.

3. Updates on Recycling and Sustainability Committee

They have been meeting monthly and they have library information sessions that meet quarterly. A "Friends of the RSC" group is being formed. This groups is for people who are interested in the work the RSC is doing, but do not want to serve directly on the RSC. A quarterly electronic newsletter will be sent to this group and any other interested parties. The group would like to be a standing committee and they will work with the Selectmen to put an article together for the Spring Town Meeting. They've had lots of discussion on small scale recycling as well as starting a textile drop off program in the schools. They marched in the First Night parade to get the word out on recycling. Thank you to the DPW for helping with the storage of the new recycling bins and for putting them out and picking them up. They can be used for future Town events and perhaps at the athletic fields in the summer.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 82 Rifleman Way, Private Well Water Analysis, elevated iron and manganese

Homeowner, Derek Peter, was present at the meeting. He and his family moved into the brand new house 3 months ago. They noticed water stains, discoloration and their faucets spraying abnormally. They called the Board of Health to obtain a copy of their water report. Because of the higher than normal levels of iron and manganese, they asked the builder, Eastland Partners, to pay half of the cost to install a water filtration system.

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At this time, there are no plans to do so. A second water test was done showing the iron levels dropped, but the high manganese still exists. Manganese is considered a secondary contaminate, and is not included as required testing in our current water regulations. The well company, Richardson Wells, already had a filtration system designed when Derek reached out to them. The water results were not communicated to the homeowner prior to purchase. Kristin will schedule a meeting with the Building Inspector and Eastland Partners. A Water Supply Certificate was not issued by the Board of Health prior to the sign off for occupancy. Going forward, the Board will be more diligent in reviewing all water results and completing the certificates as the final step.

2. Discussion on current private well regulations

Revising the current water regulations to reflect secondary contaminants, changes in ownership, quantity, etc. will be high priority for the Board in 2019.

3. Peter Maloney, 43 South Main Street – Non-Compliance with order to Correct – Housing

Peter Maloney and John St. George were both present for the meeting. Some of the items have been corrected. There is a new roof on the majority of the building. They had a hard time getting someone to fix the leaking windows. Peter had to get special permission from the Historical Society because of the type of dormers over the windows. He needs to fabricate the metal parts which will take time. Kristin also noted that there is a rotted column on the front porch that needs to be replaced. The Board granted him a 30 day extension to have everything corrected. She will be in touch with a date for re-inspection.

4. Discussion on current Animal Keeping regulations

Our current regulations are outdated. Joann met with Kevin Sullivan, the Animal Control Officer, to talk about revising the current regulations to cover all animals except house pets. The revised regulations need to adequately cover public health and reflect minimum animal welfare standards. She is planning on having a draft ready in January.

5. MassDEP awarded Sustainable Materials Recovery Program Municipal Grant of up to \$136,500 for Wheeled Recycling Carts and up to \$195,000 in Pay-As-You-Throw Start-up Funds.

Uxbridge may have received the largest award in the state for this program. It will cover the cost of the carts per household. The PAYT portion could cover bags, carts, etc. because it is all going towards a start-up program.

6. Emergency Dispensing Site Drills and Training scheduled for January 17th (snow date January 24th)

Training will be at 2:30 pm at Uxbridge High School. There is a large list of attendees including members from the regional MRC traveling from surrounding communities. All town Depts. have also been invited to attend. Joann applied for the grant for this training through Massachusetts Public Health Emergency Preparedness Region 2, which receives its funding from the CDC. J.J. Burke, Sandwich Fire Dept., will be running the whole table top exercise designed to identify gaps in our emergency dispensing system. The required annual dispensing site drill will run immediately following the initial exercise.

7. Draft Annual Report for FY18

Kristin added another accomplishment which reads: Participated in PHEP meetings and ran emergency dispensing site drill at the Uxbridge High School. Also we will add what Leslie Fowle started working on when she began her internship at the end of the fiscal year.

Motion: David Tapscott moved to accept the report as written with exceptions of adding the barn and animal inspection reports when they come in and mentioning the local health intern Leslie Fowle. Joann Lindenmayer seconded and the motion was passed unanimously with a vote of 3-0-0.

8. FY20 Draft Budget

Kristin will have it ready for the next meeting in January.

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9. Opening of Marijuana establishments as it relates to public safety

Kristin made a site visit to Caroline's Cannabis as they may be the first retail establishment to open in town. The Board will work with Police and DPW to keep crowds in control as it pertains to public health.

ANY OTHER MATTER THAT MAY LAWFULLY COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Approval of Meeting Minutes: 6/14/18, 8/29/2018, 10/16/2018, 11/14/2018

Motion: Joann Lindenmayer moved to accept the June 14, 2018 minutes as written. David Tapscott seconded and the motion was passed unanimously with a vote of 3-0-0.

Motion: David Tapscott moved to accept the August 29, 2018 minutes as written. Joann Lindenmayer seconded and the motion was passed unanimously with a vote of 3-0-0.

Motion: Joann Lindenmayer moved to accept the October 16, 2018 minutes as written, with the one change of correcting the spelling of Juul Company. David Tapscott seconded and the motion was passed unanimously with a vote of 3-0-0.

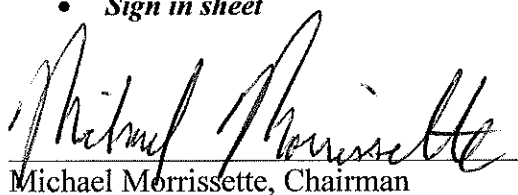
Motion: David Tapscott moved to accept the November 14, 2018 minutes as written, after the correction of the schedule of meeting dates in 2019. Joann Lindenmayer seconded and the motion was passed unanimously with a vote of 3-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT 6:40 pm

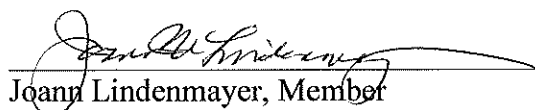
Motion: David Tapscott moved to adjourn the meeting, Joann Lindenmayer seconded and the motion was passed unanimously with a vote of 3-0-0.

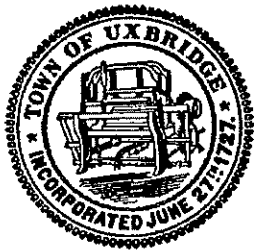
Attachments:

- ***Re-Inspection Summary for 43 South Main St., Unit 3R***
- ***Draft of Board of Health Annual Report FY2018***
- ***Sign in sheet***


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RE-INSPECTION SUMMARY

December 18, 2018

Via certified mail, return receipt and first class mail

Peter Maloney
P.O. Box 54
Southboro, MA 01772

Property: 43 South Main St., Unit 3R, Uxbridge MA, 01569

Dear Mr. Maloney:

The Board of Health (BOH) re-inspected your property at 43 South Main Street on Thursday, December 13th at 4pm. The occupants of Unit 3R, Talia Velazquez and Joseph Felicies, were present during the inspection. Unit 3R and common areas excluding the basement were inspected. The basement could not be inspected at the time of the visit because there was no available lighting on the basement stairs.

The following violations previously noted in the August 15, 2018 Inspection Report/Order to Correct were NOT corrected as of the re-inspection on December 13th.

1. The parlor heater is not protected from the hardwood floor by a heat resistant barrier and constitutes a fire hazard.
2. The back stairway leading to the basement and the basement area is lacking adequate lighting.
3. The back stairway and hallways are obstructed with children's toys and construction materials.
4. The roof on the park street side of the house is in need of repair. It is temporarily covered with a tarp and there is evidence of an active leak in Unit 3R.
5. The ceiling in Unit 3R is peeling or has water damage and needs repair near the bay window, above the bed, and in the closet off the bedroom.
6. The ceiling in the front hallway is peeling.
7. There is an open hole in the floor of the front hallway.
8. The eaves around much of the structure are rotting, not rodent-proof or watertight and need repair.
9. The flashing on the front porch is damaged/missing.
10. The back stairway/hallway has holes in the walls and exposed electrical wires.
11. The main entry door glass pane was repaired but the trim around the door is damaged and needs repair.
12. Construction materials and debris are found throughout the common areas including hallways, stairways and the basement. All construction materials and supplies should be stored in a clean and sanitary condition that does not hinder egress.

I was unable to re-inspect the following violations due to inadequate lighting at the time of my visit.

BOARD OF HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT FY2018 (page 1)

The Board of Health, an elected position, serves as the local arm of both the Mass. Department of Public Health and the Mass. Department of Environmental Protection. The Board oversees and regulates multiple aspects of activities in the Town which have impact upon the public health and environmental quality. These include housing, food establishments, private septic systems and wells, domestic animals, solid waste, infectious disease, emergency planning, home health care and mental health, and general environmental concerns. The work of inspections, handling complaints, setting policies and regulations, and educating the public are performed by the three board members the appointed health agents, food inspector, animal inspector and the administrative assistant.

Notable accomplishments of the Board of Health in FY2018 include:

- Revised Article XIX, Rules and Regulations for Commercial/Residential Refuse/Recycling Permitting and Operation (also known as Curbside Hauler Regulations)
- Using \$1000 Small Scale Initiative funds under the Sustainable Material Recovery Program (SMRP) from MassDEP, distributed a trash and recycling survey in the annual census mailing in January. This was a joint effort with the newly formed Recycling and Sustainability Committee.
- Held Uxbridge Clean-Up Day with support of Uxbridge Recycling and Sustainability Committee and the Blackstone Heritage Corridor, Inc. and distributed free kitchen scrap buckets for composting purchased with SMRP funds.
- In a joint application with the Uxbridge Schools, received a School Assistance grant in the amount of \$21,060 to support recycling and composting initiatives in the schools including the installation of three water bottle filling stations, stipends for Green Team coordinators, and the purchase of reusable lunch trays and other equipment through 2020.
- Supported the Green Community application for the Town in working directly with CMRPC and drafting/presenting two warrant articles at Spring Town Meeting related to the Stretch Code and zoning.
- Monitored the recently expanded area of groundwater contamination with TCE associated with the historical dump site on Kempton Road in Millville. Sent letters to residents in area of concern and help information session at Senior Center with MassDEP.
- Created a Revolving Fund at Spring Town Meeting for Board of Health fees related to Title 5 and food permits.
- Created and distributed an Emergency Preparedness Handbook using Massachusetts Department of Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Region II funds.
- Continued to offer Sharps Collection in the Board of Health office and distribute free collection containers to residents
- Hosted a Massachusetts Department of Public Health Local Health Intern named Leslie Fowle **INSERT**
- Continued to monitor two soil importation projects at South Street and Millville Road and selected Beta Group, Inc. as third party reviewer for soil projects.

- Participated in PHEP Region II meetings and ran Emergency Dispensing Drill at the Uxbridge High School.

Agents for the Board of Health are:

- Salmon VNA & Hospice: Home health care, flu and blood pressure clinics, investigate communicable diseases and informs the public on ways to prevent communicable disease, act as liaison between the MA Department of Public Health and the Town of Uxbridge in regard to communicable disease reporting and regulation. Also, presents health-related educational programs.
- James F. Malley, Malley Engineering Co., Inc.: Oversees all percolation testing, review all septic design plans, and inspect septic installations. Keeps Board current on Title V regulations and updates.
- Kristin Black, Health Agent/Housing Inspector: Conducts housing, motel and reflexology inspections and responds to complaints throughout the year. Assists with grant writing, emergency planning, drafting of regulations, and coordination of other Board of Health program and initiatives.
- Joan St. Andre, Food Inspector: Conducts pre-inspections and bi-annual inspections and farmers market inspections and investigation of complaints per the Massachusetts “The Merged Food Code”.
- Maurice Guilbault, Barns/Animal Inspector: Completes state required barn inspections and responds to related complaints. Captures and transports rabies suspect animals for processing. Reviews and contacts all persons involved in dog bite cases, and completes required quarantines.
- Kelly J. Dumas, Burial Agent

Permits Issued:

Curbside Hauler	10
Food Permits,	118
Motel	1
Public Pond/Semi-Public Pond	2
Septage Hauler’s Permits	11
Septic Installer’s	47
Stables	38
Tobacco Retailer’s Permits	14
Tattoo Establishment	2
Tattoo Practitioners	7
Reflexology Establishments	1
Reflexology Practitioners	4

Barn & Animal Inspections:

- Barns Inspected:
- Quarantines due to bites/wounds unknown origin
- Suspect Rabid Animals processed:

Food Inspections:

Routine	130
Follow-Up (violations)	11
New Construction	0
Septic Engineering Services - Malley Engineering Co., Inc.	
Percolation/Deep hole Tests	90
Plan Reviews	85
Septic Inspections	82
Percolation Extension	1
Plan Review Extension	0
Title V Inspection Reports (total):	64
Passed	54
Conditional	2
Failed	8

Additionally, the Board of Health handles Miscellaneous Investigations and Complaints throughout the year. FY 2018 the Board of Health managed 62 complaints which included animal, dust, housing, odor, and trash.

On July 24, 2017, Joann Lindenmayer was jointly appointed to the Board of Healthy by the Board of Health and the Board of Selectmen. This seat was vacated by the resignation of James Smith. During spring election, Joann Lindenmayer was elected to the Board of Health and Michael Morrissette was re-elected.

Members of the Board of Health during FY 2018 include:

	<u>Term of Office</u>
Michael Morrissette, Chairman	2015-2021
David Tapscott, Vice Chair	2017-2020
Joann Lindenmayer, Member	2018-2019

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Morrissette, Chairman



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**TOWN OF UXBRIDGE
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December 18, 2018

Sign-In Sheet

	NAME (please PRINT)	ADDRESS
1.	<i>DEREK PETER</i>	<i>82 RIFLEMAN WAY UXBRIDGE MA</i>
2.	<i>Jul [Signature]</i>	
3.	<i>Bob Maloney</i>	
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