

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 Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 5:30 pm 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 5:34 pm and the meeting duly posted with a quorum present, Chairman Morrissette called the meeting to order.

**1. Update from the RSC**

- **Green Communities** –An ad hoc team met to discuss grant options and what the town will apply for. At this meeting the Town Manager suggested that the RSC be a facilitator for future green communities grants. Getting the schools involved was also suggested since they are the main energy users in town. David will reach out to the School Committee to explore ways in which they might be involved.
- **Standing Committee Status** –David is in the process of writing a warrant article. The RSC will have their own mission statement. What are the administrative needs? Will there be a budget? These are the issues that need to be addressed.

**2. Municipal Trash Program Update**

Kristin is working on the RFP which will get reviewed by town counsel. One aspect we may want to look at is compost. We could add a line in the RFP to include compost pick-up. Currently City Compost will pick-up a five gallon bucket for \$5.00/week. Grant \$ for the start-up of a trash/recycle program will not go towards compost. It will not affect the bid proposal in any way, it will just be an add on feature. It will significantly reduce the amount of trash in landfills. Public information sessions will be held to get feedback. There has been discussion of whether the new program should go to town meeting for a vote. The Board does have the authority to start a program with the Town Manager's approval. The program will be opt-in only and not tax based. We will be able to lock in to a 3-year contract with a clause that there may be a price increase if gas prices were to rise significantly.

**3. Discussion on current Private Well regulations**

David has been looking at ours and researching other towns such as Palmer. These issues came about with a new homeowner who did not receive any information on their well when they bought their home. What do we do with the water quality testing information that we receive? Irrigation wells should have their own section in our regulations. Have we approved irrigation wells in the past? They should be clearly labeled that they are not safe for drinking. For private wells, secondary standards are the issue. We currently do a conditional approval of the well certificate with a letter of recommendation for a water treatment system. The real issue is that a new homeowner may not receive any letter from us. They may never know what their water tests show, unless they ask for it. New wells should be required to meet high level standards. We will ask town counsel if the Board has the authority to require treatment where the results do not meet current EPA standards.

**Motion:** Joann Lindenmayer moved to ask town counsel to review the board's authority to require treatment for secondary contaminants and testing for transfer of ownership. David Tapscott seconded and the motion was passed unanimously with a vote of 3-0-0.

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**4. Discussion on current Animal Keeping regulations**

Joann has looked at MA Assoc. Health Board's template and other towns as well. Our regulations are very specific where they don't need to be. They are also very inflexible, disorganized and lacking some key information such as authority, purpose and definitions. She has drafted some new regulations that are more current to go with the guidelines of the MAHB. Our current permit forms will need to be updated to reflect these changes. She has several questions for the ACO regarding kennels that she is waiting to hear back on. She will also reach out to Zoning Board regarding abutters for the building of stables. There will be an exempt section for agricultural areas. We will make all changes to the draft to present at the next meeting. If everyone is in agreement, we will then have a public hearing to discuss the new draft with the community at a later date.

**5. Uxbridge Clean-up Day, April 6, 2019**

Kristin is working with Bonnie combs from Blackstone heritage Corridor to coordinate the event. It will be from 9-12. Premeer Real Estate is sponsoring and Think Local Printing will have T-shirts for the first 100 registered volunteers.

**6. Frequently Asked Questions**

We will have them on our website and update them frequently as issues come up.

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

**Approval of Meeting Minutes: 1/23/2019**

*Motion: David Tapscott moved to accept the January 23, 2019 minutes as written. Joann Lindenmayer seconded and the motion was passed unanimously with a vote of 3-0-0.*

**ANY OTHER MATTER THAT MAY LAWFULLY COME BEFORE THE BOARD**

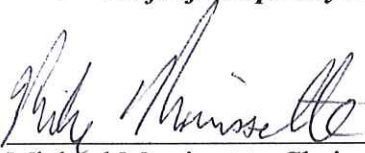
**Update on the RFP for Regional Engineer** – Jeanne from Northbridge BOH sent a list of all the candidates who requested packets of the RFP. They will open them at the Northbridge Board of Health meeting on Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>. We will meet to discuss the results at a later date.

**ADJOURNMENT 7:15 pm**

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

**Attachments:**

- **Draft of Water Regulations**
- **Draft of Animal Keeping Regulations**
- **Draft of Frequently Asked Questions**

  
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