

**CITY OF GLOUCESTER  
Board of Health  
Minutes of the Meeting  
August 21, 2014  
CATA Training Room  
3 Pond Road  
Gloucester, MA 01930**

CITY CLERK  
GLOUCESTER, MA  
14 SEP 16 AM 10:38

Board members present: Chairperson: Dr. Richard Sagall, Vice-Chairperson: Robert Harris, Frederick Cowan, and Joe Rosa. Present from the Health Department: Public Health Director: Noreen Burke; Erin Kirchner, Sanitarian; and Manager of Environmental Health: Max Schenk. Absent: Claudia Schweitzer

**PUBLIC ORAL COMMUNICATION**

There was no "Public Oral Communication".

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Mr. Cowan to approve the Gloucester Board of Health minutes of the meeting of July 24, 2014 as written. **Seconded** by Mr. Rosa. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MONTHLY REPORTS**

Presented by Noreen Burke and Max Schenk

**COMMUNICABLE DISEASES-** On behalf of the Public Health Nurse *Ms. Burke* reported that there have been two latent cases of Tuberculosis, two cases of salmonella, one case of Legionnaires Disease, one case of Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, one case of Campylobacter, and five confirmed and twenty-five suspected cases of Lyme Disease. She stated that DPH has issued advisories and sponsored a conference call related to the management of the suspected Ebola cases or contacts.

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH LYME DISEASE-** On behalf of the Public Health Nurse *Ms. Burke* reported that the interactive Lyme disease and tick display that was developed for children and parents was positively received at two Farmer's Markets and health fair at the senior center. She stated that there is high community awareness regarding the prevention of Lyme Disease.

**FLU CLINICS-** On behalf of the Public Health Nurse *Ms. Burke* reported that they have already started to lay the groundwork for the upcoming flu season. She stated that the pharmacies are becoming more involved in handling the flu vaccinations. She stated that Sunny Robinson will administer flu vaccinations to the seniors at the senior housing buildings in Gloucester. She stated that there will be three general community clinics and they will put an insert in the newspaper with the flu clinic information, as well as other media sources. She stated that they will receive 1300 doses of quadrivalent versus the trivalent, which will provide resistance to four different strains. She stated that the State will provide an additional 1200 doses and half of those will be nasal mist for children. She stated that the cost of this vaccine is at a 25% increase from last year.

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ARTICLE-** *Ms. Burke* shared an article regarding the emergency preparedness efforts of Boston regarding the Ebola outbreak.

**GOATS FOR LANDSCAPING PURPOSES-** *Mr. Schenk* stated that a local landscaper contacted the Health Department inquiring about regulations regarding the use of goats to landscape properties. He stated that they do not have any current regulations regarding goats and contacted the Animal Control Officer to respond to their inquiry.

**BEACH TESTING-** *Mr. Schenk* stated that the beach testing results have been excellent.

**GRANTS-** *Ms. Burke* reported that she was just before the Budget and Finance Committee getting the Medical Reserve Corps and Public Health Emergency Preparedness grants approved.

**TINA KETCHOPULOS-** *Ms. Burke* asked board members to take a moment to reflect on the loss of Tina Ketchopulos. She stated that she was lovely person and an important supporter of public health.

**STAFFING CHANGES-** *Ms. Burke* reported that Caitlyn Kreitman is no longer the full-time coordinator of the Healthy Gloucester Collaborative; she started as the Gloucester Youth Council Advisor on August 1<sup>st</sup>. This is a consultant role to the Coalition. She stated that Karin Carroll is a final candidate for the Prevention and Wellness Trust position in Lynn. She stated that Mrs. Nicastro is back in the office after being out on a work related injury.

**MASS IN MOTION GRANT-** *Ms. Burke* reported that she heard that they received the Mass in Motion grant. She stated that the grant is \$40,000 a year and the grant will now be called the Mass in Motion: Cape Ann.

**HEALTHY GLOUCESTER COLLABORATIVE-** *Ms. Burke* reported that she was not happy with the article in the newspaper regarding the Healthy Gloucester Collaborative and the opiate grant.

**CHILDREN'S DENTAL CENTER-** *Ms. Burke* reported that they are continuing to work on the planning for the Children's Dental Center.

**STAFF APPRECIATION-** *Ms. Burke* reported that the staff appreciation dinner will be on August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014 from 430-630 at the home of Fred Cowan.

**TRAININGS-** *Ms. Burke* reported that they have a lot of trainings coming up in the Health Department and one of her goals is to have every staff member complete at least one professional development opportunity each year to keep abreast of ever changing landscape of local public health practice.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **CHANGES TO REGULATIONS RESTRICTING THE SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND NICOTINE DELIVERY PRODUCTS AND PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE-**

The board discussed the proposed regulation changes regarding the sale of individual cigars/cigarillos, the violation period, and vaping in establishments. *Ms. Burke* stated that the item will be on the agenda for the September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014 meeting.

### **ARBORVIRUS SEASON 2014-**

*Ms. Burke* stated that West Nile was found in one mosquito pool in Newburyport. She stated that there was an article in their packets regarding arbor virus. She stated that they are trying to get the Mosquito Control District to allow communities to utilize the surveillance services they provide. She stated that they are meeting with Senator Tarr on Monday regarding the services that the Mosquito Control District provides.

### **FLOURIDATION OF COMMUNITY WATER SUPPLY-**

*Ms. Burke* invited board members to attend a training on "Community Water Flouridation" on September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 from 530-9pm at Temple Ahavat Achim. She thanked the Chairperson Sagall and other board members for their efforts in the issue. She shared a certificate awarded to the Health Department from the CDC for "Water Flouridation Quality".

*Chairperson Sagall* stated that the Health Department of the City of Rockport voted to maintain fluoride in their city drinking water.

**WORKING SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE BOARD, BRIEFING UPDATES –**

**Children's Dental Center Planning** – *Ms. Burke* reported that the Children's Dental Center Planning is moving along. She stated that they have been working with Jill Martson. *Chairperson Sagall* commended Jill Marston for all the assistance she has been providing to the group. He stated that they have composed a list of potential members for the group.

**Performance of Mandated Enforcement Services** – *Mr. Schenk* stated that they have been using a tool that looks at quality measurements in different aspects of public health. He stated that they are going to start looking at some of more used public health services such as housing and the complaints system.

**Local Public Health Accreditation Discussion** – *Ms. Burke* stated that the accreditation is moving across the nation. She stated that they are planning on meeting to discuss accreditation. Once Claudia returns *Ms. Burke* will schedule a time to discuss with Claudia and Rob Harris.

**UPDATE: 13 CEDARWOOD ROAD ENFORCEMENT–**

*Ms. Kirchner* gave board members a brief overview of the property. She stated that the property has been in failure for a couple years. She stated that she has been working with Senior Care, the Board of Health, and the Housing Authority on how to move forward with the issue. She stated that she went to Housing Court on July 30, 2014 with the property owner. She stated that the house is in foreclosure. She stated that she is working with David Holden, of the Gloucester Housing Authority and the Attorney General's office looking into a possible receivership for the property. She stated that she will keep the board informed on the property.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**78 CENTENNIAL AVENUE (MAP 18, LOT 27) –**

**Property owners: Thomas and Pearl Ciluffo**

*Proposed tight tank as remediation for failed septic system*

*Ms. Kirchner* gave a brief description of the property and the proposed tight tank. She stated that the Septic Subcommittee has approved the request for a tight tank and all abutters have been notified.

*Mr. Cowan* stated that the Septic Subcommittee met on August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and voted unanimously to approve the request for a tight tank for the property.

*Glenn and Kathy Keefe* of 27 Lincoln Street appeared before the board. *Mr. Keefe* stated that he was concerned about the smell during pumping. *Mr. Cowan* responded that the effluent does not stay in the tank for too long and it is largely gray water from bathing, washing dishes, and such. He stated that there is a negative pressure so it does not spill air when it is being pumped. He stated a maintained tight tank is much better than effluent leaking into the property.

**MOTION** by *Mr. Cowan* that the Gloucester Board of Health approve the request for the installation of a tight tank at 78 Centennial Avenue, owned by Thomas and Pearl Ciluffo. **Seconded** by *Mr. Harris*.  
**CARRIED.**

**DISCUSSION REGARDING PROPOSED DRAFT REGULATIONS: "KEEPING OF FOWL" –**

Mr. Schenk gave a brief description of the proposed draft regulations for "Keeping Fowl". The board discussed the proposed draft regulations, including the application and annual fee.

### **CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS**

**PORTABLE RESTROOMS-** Mr. Harris asked if there was a regulation regarding portable bathrooms on construction sites. Ms. Kirchner responded that that would be a question for the Building Inspector.

**TOBACCO COMPLIANCE CHECKS-** Mr. Harris asked if the minors that assisted in the tobacco compliance checks are actually minors. Ms. Burke responded that the minor that assist are all underage.

**BOARD OF HEALTH MEETINGS-** Ms. Burke stated that the next Board of Health Meeting will be on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

**MOTION** by Ms. Schweitzer to adjourn.  
Seconded by Mr. Harris. **CARRIED.**  
**MEETING ADJOURNED – 7:35 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,



Bobbi Orlando

Accepted by:



Richard Sagall, Chairperson