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GLOUCESTER, MA

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**CITY OF GLOUCESTER  
Board of Health  
Minutes of the Meeting  
July 24, 2014  
CATA Training Room  
3 Pond Road  
Gloucester, MA 01930**

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

**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 June 5, 2014 as written. **Seconded** by Ms. Schweitzer. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MONTHLY REPORTS**

Presented by Noreen Burke and Max Schenk

**RECREATIONAL CAMPS-** Ms. Burke reported that they have completed inspections of the seven recreational camps in Gloucester.

**LYME DISEASE-** Ms. Burke reported that the interactive Lyme disease and tick display that was developed for children and parents was positively received at the Farmer's Market and senior center.

**FOOD BORNE ILLNESS-** Ms. Burke reported that there has been very little food-borne illness during the summer season.

**TB TESTING-** Ms. Burke reported that that Ms. Cook supported the Hamilton Board of Health in providing Tuberculosis testing for contacts of an active TB case that impacted over a hundred individuals.

**FLU CLINICS-** 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.

**FOWL REGULATIONS-** Mr. Schenk reported that draft fowl regulations has been produced by the Health Department and they will be distributed to the board for review before the next meeting.

**MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS-** Ms. Burke reported that if board members are members of the Medical Reserve Corps it makes them a more ready volunteer in the event of an emergency and urged them to submit their applications. She thanked Mr. Cowan for joining.

**ETHICS CONFLICT OF INTEREST SEMINAR-** Ms. Burke reported that there will be an Ethics Conflict of Interest workshop next week for any board members that are interested.

**COMMUNITY HOSPITALS-** Ms. Burke reported that they want to continue to support the Addison Gilbert Hospital. She shared an article on community hospitals with board members.

**STAFFING CHANGES-** Ms. Burke reported that Caitlyn Kreitman will no longer be the full-time coordinator of the Healthy Gloucester Collaborative; she will start as the Youth Council Advisor on August 1<sup>st</sup>. She stated that Karin Carroll is a final candidate for the Prevention and Wellness Trust position in Lynn. She stated that Mrs. Nicastro will be out of the office until August 11<sup>th</sup>, with an injury she obtained while doing inspections at the Horrible's Parade.

**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.

**PET WASTE-** Ms. Burke reported that the issue of pet waste is in the research stage with City Council.

**ACTION INC.-** Ms. Burke reported that she attended the annual Action, Inc. dinner on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

**COUNCILOR LUNDBERG-** Ms. Burke reported that Councilor Lundberg visited the Health Department this week. She stated that herself and Mr. Schenk sat down with him and he had brought the annual report with him.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **RESTRICTING THE SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND NICOTINE DELIVERY PRODUCTS, DRAFT REGULATION CHANGES, DISCUSSION WITH JOYCE REDFORD, DIRECTOR, NORTH SHORE/CAPE ANN TOBACCO ALCOHOL PREVENTION PROGRAM --**

Joyce Redford, MPH, director of the North Shore/Cape Ann Tobacco Alcohol prevention Program appeared before the board. She gave board members a draft of the regulation changes. The board discussed the proposed regulation changes regarding the sale of individual cigars/cigarillos, the violation period, and vaping in establishments. The board also discussed smoking outside on restaurant patios.

**MOTION** by Ms. Schweitzer that the Gloucester Board of Health adopts the language suggested by Joyce Redford in the proposed draft tobacco regulations. **Seconded** by Mr. Rosa. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The board thanked Ms. Redford for her presentation.

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

Chairperson Sagall thanked everyone for attending the City Council meeting regarding the fluoridation of the community water supply. He stated that board members have a memorandum in their packets from the City Solicitor, Suzanne Eagan, addressing the boards' authority or lack of authority regarding the issue. He stated that the Board of Health cannot order to lower or remove fluoride from the community water, which can only come from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health or through a citizen referendum. He stated that their authority is quite limited in this area.

Tracey Chiancola of 47 River Road appeared before the board in opposition of fluoridation of the community water supply. She asked the board why they chose to listen to the Assistant District Attorney and dentists. She stated that fluoridation of the community water supply is unethical. She asked for a copy of the tape from the July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting and the binder that was presented to the City Council.

Chairperson Sagall stated that dentist have to take four years of college and four years of dental school. He stated that this is a social justice issue and is ethical. He stated that the meeting of July 14<sup>th</sup> was

posted and was open to the public and the minutes are available from that meeting. He stated that she would need to ask for the contents of the binder from City Council. He stated that the articles in the binder will be posted on the City website.

*Mark Warhall* of 5 Harold Avenue appeared before the board in favor of fluoridation of the community water supply. He stated that he attended the City Council meeting and would like to ask the City of Gloucester to continue to introduce fluoride into the water supply in accordance with the guidelines with the State of Massachusetts. He stated that research shows overwhelmingly that fluoridation of the water supply reduces cavities with minimal side effects.

**MOTION** by Mr. Rosa that the Gloucester Board of Health recommend to sustain the existing use of fluoride in the community water supply. **Seconded** by Mr. Cowan. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The board agreed to disband the ADHOC Community group on fluoridation of the community water.

#### **ARBORVIRUS SEASON 2014**

*Chairperson Sagall* stated that West Nile was found in one mosquito in Newburyport. He stated that there was an article in their packets regarding arbor virus. He stated that they are trying to get the Mosquito Control District to allow communities to utilize the surveillance services they provide.

*Sid Wedmore* of the Rockport Board of Health appeared before the board. He stated that the Rockport Board of Health has opted not to join the district as well. He stated that spraying is not effective.

#### **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 copies of that have been provided to the members and they are going to reconvene and look at the data that was gathered.

Local Public Health Accreditation Discussion – *Ms. Burke* stated that the accreditation is moving across the nation. She stated that in Kentucky some of their tobacco tax goes towards public health. She stated that she attended the NCCHO meeting that was very informative. She stated that she started discussing a community health survey with Gerald MacKillop.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**10 OVERLOOK AVENUE (MAP 236, LOT 10) –**

**Property Owner: Eric Muniz**

*Proposed light 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 July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and voted unanimously to approve the request for a tight tank for the property.

**MOTION** by Mr. Cowan that the Gloucester Board of Health approve the request for the installation of a tight tank at 10 Overlook Avenue, owned by Eric Muniz. **Seconded** by Mr. Harris. **CARRIED**

**5 LAUREL STREET (MAP 220, LOT 147) –**                      **Property owners: Lydia Dahl**

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**MOTION** by Mr. Cowan that the Gloucester Board of Health approve the request for the installation of a tight tank at 5 Laurel Street, owned by Lydia Dahl. **Seconded** by Mr. Harris. **CARRIED**

**116 CONCORD STREET (MAP 242, LOT 4) –**                      **Property owners: John Bodoni**

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*Mr. Cowan* stated that the Septic Subcommittee met on July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and voted unanimously to approve the request for a tight tank for the property.

**MOTION** by Mr. Cowan that the Gloucester Board of Health approve the request for the installation of a tight tank at 116 Concord Street, owned by John Bodoni. **Seconded** by Mr. Harris. **CARRIED**

**11 OVERLOOK AVENUE (MAP 236, LOT 67) –**                      **Property owners: Joel Ribeiro**

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*Mr. Cowan* stated that the Septic Subcommittee met on July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and voted unanimously to approve the request for a tight tank for the property.

**MOTION** by Mr. Cowan that the Gloucester Board of Health approve the request for the installation of a tight tank at 11 Overlook Avenue, owned by Joel Ribeiro. **Seconded** by Mr. Harris. **CARRIED**

**11R OVERLOOK AVENUE (MAP 236, LOT 66) –**                      **Property owners: Joel Ribeiro**

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Subcommittee has approved the request for a tight tank and all abutters have been notified.

*Mr. Cowan* stated that the Septic Subcommittee met on July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and voted unanimously to approve the request for a tight tank for the property.

**MOTION** by Mr. Cowan that the Gloucester Board of Health approve the request for the installation of a tight tank at 11R Overlook Avenue, owned by Joel Ribeiro. **Seconded** by Mr. Harris. **CARRIED**

The board commended Ms. Kirchner for her efforts in correcting the failed systems in the city.

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### CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS

**NAME TAGS-** *Mr. Cowan* stated that the name tags for the Health Department staff are done and he has given them to Ms. Burke to give out at the next staff appreciation day. The board agreed to have a staff luncheon at Mr. Cowan's home, possibly on August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

**MOTION** by Dr. Sagall that Mr. Cowan coordinate the next staff luncheon. **Seconded** by Ms. Schweitzer. **CARRIED.**

**CHAIR MASSAGERS ON A BEACH-** *Chairperson Sagall* asked if chair massagers could be done on Gloucester beaches. *Mr. Schenk* responded that the Health Department does not have purview over licensed masseuses. He stated that the person should contact Mark Cole at the DPW.

**SIGNAGE ON BEACHES-** *Mr. Harris* stated that he visited York Beach, Maine and they had signage regarding the testing of the water and what one should do if they became sick. *Mr. Schenk* stated that he would like to see the pictures of the signage.

**BOARD OF HEALTH MEETINGS-** *Ms. Burke* stated that the next Board of Health Meeting will be on August 21, 2014 and the September meeting will be on the September 11<sup>th</sup>. *Ms. Schweitzer* stated that she would not be here for the September meeting.

**MOTION** by Ms. Schweitzer to adjourn.  
Seconded by Mr. Harris. **CARRIED.**  
**MEETING ADJOURNED -- 7:50 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

  
Bobbi Orlando

Accepted by:

  
Richard Sagall, Chairperson