

**CITY OF GLOUCESTER
Board of Health
Minutes of the Meeting
October 3, 2019
5:30 p.m.
City Hall Annex
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: Health Director: Karin Carroll; Assistant Director: Max Schenk; Food Inspector: Brian Meuleman;

The meeting started at 5:30 p.m.

This meeting was recorded by audio in accordance with State Open Meeting Law.

PUBLIC ORAL COMMUNICATION

Patricia Pierce of 35 Broadway, Rockport appeared before the board. She addressed her concerns regarding the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board’s hearing last week regarding the Seabrook, New Hampshire nuclear reactor. She stated that the reactor is discharging into the waters that come down into Rockport and Gloucester. She stated that the reactor’s concrete is progressively degrading and is posing a health and safety hazard. She read and submitted a petition to the Health Department.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Mr. Cowan to approve the Gloucester Board of Health minutes of the meeting of September 5th, 2019 as written. **Seconded** by Mr. Rosa. **CARRIED**. Ms. Schweitzer abstained.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no “Standing Committee Reports”.

NEW BUSINESS

Creation of Dental Center Advisory Board -

Ms. Carroll stated that she would like to form a Dental Center Advisory Committee to assist with strategic planning and the future direction of the center. She stated that they would like to form this committee not to govern the dental center but to advise. She read the purpose of the committee to board members. She stated that they would like Ms. Schweitzer, the Dental

Center Manager, a city councilor, the medical director from the Gloucester Family Health Center, a pediatrician, a dental professional, and Jim Destino to be on the committee. She stated that they will meet monthly and report back to the Board of Health and the City administration.

The board supported the creation of the Dental Center Advisory Committee.

OLD BUSINESS

UPDATE: Sandpiper Bakery, 65 Middle Street, RE: Department order dated April 18, 2019-

Mr. Schenk and *Chairperson Sagall* recused themselves from the agenda item and left the meeting for the item.

Vice-Chairperson Robert Harris assumed the Chair.

Meredith Fine, attorney representing Sandpiper Bakery appeared before the board. She stated that John Clermont, co-owner of Sandpiper Bakery was present with her as well. She stated that they have turned in a stamped engineering plan and have filed for a building permit. She stated that the challenge that they face is with CS Ventilation and their availability to start work limitations since they are one of the only businesses who install restaurant ventilation systems.

Mr. Meuleman stated that the contractor's plan meets the specs for the relevant sheet metal code.

Mr. Harris asked if the Historic District Commission has been notified. *Ms. Fine* responded that there is no need to contact the Historic District Commission because there will be no change to the exterior of the building.

John Clermont co-owner of Sandpiper Bakery appeared before the board. He stated that they have used all resources to find all companies that could install the ventilation system and all fingers pointed to CS Ventilation. He stated that they have made an earnest effort to satisfy this requirement in a timely manner. He stated that CS ventilation is fabricating the metal now, off-site.

Attorney Mark Nestor, representing the owners of 65 Middle Street, Units 2 and 3, appeared before the board. He gave an overview of the timeline of the issue. He stated that the fumes from the proposed vent are going to travel up directly to the second and third floor windows.

Margaret Russell of 65 Middle Street, Unit 2 appeared before the board. Ms. Russell stated Sandpiper Bakery is a tenant in Condominium Unit 1. She stated that it is the sixth time in front of the Board of Health and they have not received the plan or the building permit.

MOTION by Mr. Cowan that the Gloucester Board of Health sustain the order as written on August 8, 2019 that as of October 3, 2019 conditions are put forth that upon issuance of the building permit to install a Type 2 hood at Sandpiper Bakery, 65 Middle Street, Unit 1 that completion of the project must be accomplished within ten days of the permit being issued, failure will result in the disconnection of the oven; failure of a building permit to be issued within seven days will prompt a special meeting of the Board of Health. **Seconded** by Ms. Schweitzer. **CARRIED.**

Chairperson Dr. Sagall assumed the Chair.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Presented by Karin Carroll & Max Schenk

The following "Monthly Report" was given to Board members.

[September Monthly Report](#)

Ms. Carroll stated that they hosted their first ever portable dental clinic, Polished LLC. 13 clients present at the Grace Center had their teeth cleaned. Several of those were referred to the Health Department Dental Center for further treatment. Polished LLC is self-supporting.

Ms. Carroll stated that they mailed out the letter regarding the January 2020 ban on CBD edibles. She stated that shortly after they heard from the Governor's office that all vaping products are banned for four months.

Ms. Carroll stated that the Workplace Safety and Wellness Committee has some concerns about needles being found. She stated that it is important that people are educated on the issue. The board agreed that there should be a city-wide uniform policy on exposure control. *Ms. Carroll* stated that she will draft a letter for the board.

Ms. Carroll stated that they have had lots of calls this week on EEE. She stated that they are trying to provide information of the Health Department website.

Ms. Carroll stated that the Public Health Nurse, Kelley Hiland will host a community baby shower on October 5, 2019 at the Sawyer Free Library.

Ms. Carroll stated that the next flu clinic will be on October 16 at Addison Gilbert Hospital.

Ms. Carroll stated that the Senior-on-the-Go bus funded by the Mass in Motion grant officially launched on Wednesday.

CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS

Next Regular Monthly Meeting Board of Health- The next Board of Health monthly meeting will be on November 7, 2019 at the CATA Training Room at 5:30 p.m.

MOTION by Mr. Cowan to adjourn.
Seconded by Ms. Schweitzer. **CARRIED.**
MEETING ADJOURNED – 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbi Orlando

Accepted by:

Richard Sagall, Chairperson

Documents Referenced:
October 3, 2019 Board of Health Agenda
September 5, 2019 Board of Health Minutes
September 2019 Monthly Department Reports