

**CITY OF GLOUCESTER
Board of Health
Minutes of the Meeting
February 6, 2020
5:30 p.m.
City Hall Annex
3 Pond Road
Gloucester, MA 01930**

Board members present: Chairperson: Dr. Richard Sagall; Frederick Cowan; Joe Rosa; and Claudia Schweitzer. Present from the Health Department: Health Director: Karin Carroll and Assistant Director: Max Schenk. Absent: Vice-Chairperson: Robert Harris.

The meeting started at 5:30 p.m.

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

PUBLIC ORAL COMMUNICATION

There was no "Public Communication".

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Mr. Cowan to approve the Gloucester Board of Health minutes of the meeting of January 9th, 2020 as written. **Seconded** by Ms. Schweitzer. **CARRIED.**

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no "Standing Committee Reports".

NEW BUSINESS

There was no "New Business".

OLD BUSINESS

UPDATE: 159 East Main Street Noise Complaint and Sound Re-test Requirement from July 11, 2019-

Nick Osgood, managing partner of NSDJ Real Estate LLC and president of Atlantic Fish and Seafood at 159 East Main Street appeared before the board. He stated that he sent some reports to the Health Department today. He stated that they have been working on a plan to quiet the facility down further to get it in compliance at all hours since they are slightly out of

compliance. He stated that they had pursued a method that he had previously shared with the Board of Health and are working on installing the method.

Silvio Albano, Plant Engineer for Atlantic Seafood, appeared before the board. He stated that they are going to put a “chimney-like” structure with soundproof panels around the compressor on the roof. He stated that the structure should absorb and deflect sound.

Mr. Osgood stated that they have been able to decrease the cost substantially by handling the installation themselves. He stated that installation should happen next week, weather permitting.

Ms. Schweitzer asked if they could send the results of the testing after the equipment is installed to the Health Department. *Mr. Osgood* responded that they would do that.

Mr. Schenk stated that Attorney Michael Faherty was in the audience as an abutter to the property as well. *Mr. Faherty* stated that is satisfied with what he heard from *Mr. Osgood*.

Chris Leghorn of 6 Chapel Street appeared before the board. She stated that the noise varies quite a bit and it is somewhat better than what it was but it is still an issue. She stated that she is still concerned with the noise levels coming from the facility.

The board stated that if the tests do not put the facility in compliance than *Ms. Osgood* should appear at the March Board of Health meeting with a new plan, if the test results put the facility in compliance he does not need to appear back before the Board of Health.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Presented by Max Schenk

The following “Monthly Report” was given to Board members.

[January Monthly Report](#)

Chairperson Sagall asked about data listed under the Housing. *Mr. Schenk* stated that it was an error and he will correct it.

Mr. Schenk stated that there has been some concern about rats in the Warren Street area due to National Grid working in the area, so the Health Department has been receiving lots of complaints. He stated that he has been working with the Engineering Department on contacting National Grid on a plan. *Ms. Schweitzer* stated that she was concerned with the type of baiting that they will use.

Ms. Carroll stated that the Dental Advisory Committee was formed several months ago and they have met a few times. She stated that the committee’s mission is to preserve dental services for low-income children in Gloucester, to educate people on the importance of dental health, and to look at the financial stability and evaluate other financial models. She stated that typically

they lose \$3,000 to \$5,000 a month in revenue. She stated that the committee feels that that is a small price to pay for the tremendous service that is offered to hundreds of children, and now seniors in the committee. She stated that they have been looking at a lot of models and they have decided that they do not want to lose the dentist at the Dental Center, so they are proposing that they continue with the on-site dentist. She stated that they are going to start piloting some mobile hygienist work at two of the schools.

Chairperson Sagall asked if they were booked up at the Dental Center would they be making money. *Ms. Carroll* stated that they probably would if the patients were mostly children.

Ms. Carroll stated that there was an article in the Gloucester Daily Times today highlighting a seniors' bowling trip which was funded through the Mass in Motion grant.

Ms. Carroll stated that they had a meeting at the schools regarding student absenteeism.

CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS

Unisex Bathrooms at Sawyer Free Library- *Mr. Cowan* shared that the Sawyer Free Library is adding unisex bathrooms on the first floor.

Kitchen at the Senior Center- *Mr. Cowan* shared that the Mayor has accepted a plan to modify the kitchen at the Senior Center and a plan for a generator.

Next Regular Monthly Meeting Board of Health- The next Board of Health monthly meeting will be on March 5, 2020 at the CATA Training Room at 5:30 p.m. *Ms. Schweitzer* stated that she cannot attend the March meeting.

MOTION by Mr. Rosa to adjourn.
Seconded by Ms. Schweitzer. **CARRIED.**
MEETING ADJOURNED – 6:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbi Orlando

Accepted by:

Richard Sagall, Chairperson

Documents Referenced:

February 6, 2020 Board of Health Agenda
January 9, 2020 Board of Health Minutes
January 2020 Monthly Department Reports