

**CITY OF GLOUCESTER  
Board of Health  
Minutes of the Meeting  
April 7th, 2016  
5:30 p.m.  
City Hall Annex  
3 Pond Road  
Gloucester, MA 01930**

Board members present: Chairperson: Dr. Richard Sagall; Vice—Chairperson: Robert Harris; and Claudia Schweitzer. Present from the Health Department: Assistant Director: Max Schenk; Thorsen Akerley, Sanitarian/Title 5 Inspector. Absent: Frederick Cowan and Joe Rosa.

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**PUBLIC ORAL COMMUNICATION**

Arunas Martinonis of 77 Eastern Point Boulevard appeared before the board. *Mr. Martinonis* stated that he came before the Board of Health last fall and the Board approved a Busse system for his property. He stated that he also got approval from the Conservation Board. He stated that he needed a revetment wall to prevent coastal erosion which they also approved. He stated that he went to the City to get approval for the Septic Loan Grant and because they have a tight tank that needs to be pumped repeatedly he did not qualify for the loan. He stated that he is looking for the Board to consider a partial failure of the system under CMR Section 303.15 subsection 2 where if the tight tanks were to fall into the water due to erosion it would be a public health concern. He submitted a letter from a structural engineer that outlines that at some point a storm would knock out the tanks if nothing is done to secure them.

*Mr. Akerley* stated that Mr. Martinonis did not qualify for the loan because there is no failure in the system and the issue is that the tanks are at risk of falling into the ocean.

The board agreed to accept the structural engineer's opinion that the tank is at risk of falling in the ocean without the revetment wall.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Ms. Schweitzer to approve the Gloucester Board of Health minutes of the meeting of March 3rd, 2016 as written. **Seconded** by Mr. Harris. **CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Mr. Harris to approve the Gloucester Board of Health Septic Review Subcommittee minutes of the meeting of March 31st, 2016 as written. **Seconded** by Ms. Schweitzer. **CARRIED.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Review of Definitive Subdivision Plan for 4-6 Eastern Point Boulevard (Map 133, Lots 10 and 26)  
Property owned by J&J Realty Nominee Trust (126 Wheeler St. Gloucester)  
Represented by Seaside Legal Solutions, Joel Favazza and Engineering Alliance, Inc.-

*Per section 3.3 (b) of the "Rules and regulations governing the Subdivision of Land Gloucester, MA" the Board of Health shall, within 45 days after filing of the Plan, report to the Planning Board, in writing, its approval or disapproval of the Plan. If the Board of Health disapproves the plan, it shall make a specific report of its findings as to which, if any, of the lots shown on the plan cannot be used for building sites without injury to public health and include such specific findings and the reasons therefore in such report, and, where possible, shall make recommendations for the adjustment thereof. The Board of Health shall provide a copy of such report, if any, to the applicant.*

*Joel Favazza* attorney of Seaside Legal Solutions appeared before the board on behalf of the owner. He gave a brief overview of the proposed subdivision and highlighted areas of concern such as pet waste and de-icers.

*Mr. Schenk* stated that because the property is next to a sensitive area, a bathing beach, the Health Department does do water quality testing on a regular basis.

*Chairperson Sagall* asked if there was anyone that would like to speak for or against the proposed variance. There was no one.

**MOTION** by Ms. Schweitzer that the Board of Health recommends that the restrictions and guidelines that are outlined by the Conversation Committee are emphasized in a memo to the Planning Board for the proposed subdivision at 4-6 Eastern Point Boulevard. **Seconded** by Mr. Harris. **CARRIED.**

### OLD BUSINESS

#### Report of Board of Health – Health Director Search Committee-

*Chairperson Sagall* stated that the position for the Public Health Director was posted internally and needs to be posted internally for one week before they post the position to the public. The board discussed posting the position on the Mass Municipal Association website and the Mass Health Officers Association website.

#### Updates: North Shore Health Project's Harm Reduction Programming-

*Mr. Schenk* gave Board members an update from the Director of the North Shore Health Project, Susan Coviello. The board discussed possible locations for the Harm Reduction Program. The Board agreed that Joan Whitney needs her own office.

### MONTHLY REPORTS

Presented by Max Schenk

*Mr. Schenk* submitted the following “Monthly Report” to Board members.



Gloucester Health Department  
Monthly Report  
March 2016

The following inspections and activities were performed by Health Department staff during the month of March, 2016.

**Inspectional Services**

**Title 5**

Title 5 Report Reviews	5
System Plans Reviewed and Approved	10
Soil Evaluations	1
System Installations	2
Septic Subcommittee Meeting	1

**Housing**

Unit Inspections/CERDs Issued	46 units (27 buildings)
Hotel/Motel Inspections	1 (Performed by Food Inspector)
Complaints Calls/Investigations	12 (estimate)
Pool Inspections	0
Tireless Parks Inspections	1
Camp Inspections	0

**Food Service / Liquor License Inspections**

Complaints Calls/Investigations	4
Inspections	36
Re-inspections due to violations	3
Liquor License Inspections	5

- 1 Council of Aging Meeting
- 1 Fog Meeting (Fam Oil and Genoa)
- 1 Event Advisory Meeting
- 1 BOH Meeting
- 1 meeting with School Food Service Director
- Represented Gloucester at the Seafood Show in Boston
- Attended seminar re: Medical Marijuana

**CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Mosquito Control –*Ms. Schweitzer* stated that she is concerned with what the City is going to do this year for mosquito control. The Board agreed to send the letter they had sent a couple years ago to the new City administration addressing the concerns they have regarding mosquito control and their recommendation to join the Northeast Mosquito Control Group. *Chairperson Sagall* stated that we should have this item on the agenda in October of every year. *Mr. Schenk* stated that Ms. Ries has been working on education around mosquito control.

Super Market Inspections –*Chairperson Sagall* stated that there was an article in the Boston Globe regarding supermarket inspections. *Mr. Schenk* stated that Ms. Nicastro does thorough inspections of all the supermarkets in the City at least twice a year.

Next Regular Monthly Meeting Board of Health- The next Board of Health monthly meeting will be on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the CATA Training Room at 5:30 p.m.

**MOTION** by Mr. Harris to adjourn.  
Seconded by Mr. Cowan. **CARRIED.**  
MEETING ADJOURNED – 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Bobbi Orlando

Accepted by:

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Richard Sagall, Chairperson

Documents Referenced:  
April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Board of Health Agenda  
March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 Board of Health Minutes  
March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016 SRSC Minutes  
April 2016 Monthly Department Reports