

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

Board members present: Chairperson: Dr. Richard Sagall; Frederick Cowan; and Joe Rosa. Present from the Health Department: Assistant Director: Max Schenk; Principle Clerk: Rosalie O'Leary; and Health Inspector: Marcus Costonis. Absent: Claudia Schweitzer and Vice-Chairperson: Robert Harris.

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

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 October 4th, 2016 as written. **Seconded** by Mr. Rosa. **CARRIED**.

NEW BUSINESS

Introduction of Rosalie (Lee) O'Leary, Principle Clerk for the Health Department-

Mr. Schenk introduced Rosalie (Lee) O'Leary as the new principle Clerk for the Gloucester Health Department. He stated that Ms. O'Leary started about three weeks ago and is already a wonderful addition to the Health Department. The board welcomed Ms. O'Leary to the Health Department. *Ms. O'Leary* thanked the board members. She stated that she was excited to work for the Health Department.

Nomination of Rosalie Nicastro for the Red Cross' Local Hero Award-

Mr. Schenk stated that this nomination for Rosalie Nicastro as the Red Cross Hero Award is being put forth by the Public Health Director, appropriately so. He stated that Ms. Nicastro is more than the Food Inspector and was more than the Clerk in her previous role; she has been an outstanding ambassador in the work that the Health Department does. He stated that Ms. Nicastro has been an outstanding presence at the flu clinics and if awarded it would be well deserved. The board agreed to add a supplemental statement to the nomination.

Comprehensive Review of Board of Health Regulations-

Mr. Schenk stated that a number of the Health Department's regulations are outdated and have not been reviewed since they were promulgated. The board agreed to have the Health Department analyze the regulations and bring any suggested changes to the Board for review.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on 1 Pilot's Hill Condemnation Order-

Mr. Schenk stated that owner of 1 Pilot's Hill Road, Mr. Aro, came to the Health Department today with a social worker from Senior Care, who has been working closely with him regarding the issues at his property. He stated that Senior Care has been helping Mr. Aro to obtain a dumpster for the property for

trash removal. He stated that he told Mr. Aro that unless the Health Department sees some forward momentum they are going to board up the dwelling and since that time Mr. Aro has contacted the DPW, Dig Safe, a contractor, and obtained approval from the bank. He stated that some forward momentum is occurring. *Mr. Cowan* asked if there was heat in the house. *Mr. Schenk* responded that there was not heat but Mr. Aro is not living in the house but if the gas line is fixed there will be heat. He stated that he will report on the issue again next month.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Presented by Max Schenk

The following "Monthly Report" to Board members.



NOVEMBER 2016 -
DEPARTMENT REPORT.pdf

Mr. Schenk stated the 258 housing units were inspected by Mr. Costonis this past month. *Mr. Cowan* asked if there were any insect concerns at the Heights. *Mr. Costonis* responded that there was no evidence of insects of any kind in any of the units during his inspections.

CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS

Dog Waste at the Gloucester Beaches - *Mr. Cowan* stated that section 4-21 of the city's dog fouling ordinance, specifically at the beaches, is under review by City Council; an initiative led by Councilor Val Gilman. The Board of Health might be called upon to confirm that the ordinance as written presents a public health risk. The board agreed to make it clear that the Board is in support of the effort and is willing to write a letter to confirm their support.

City's Response to Disgruntled People at Public Events - *Mr. Cowan* stated that at one of the flu clinics there was a determined woman who was against vaccines and was accosting people waiting in line for the vaccine. He stated that once the woman found out that Public Health Nurse, Kelley Ries was leading the flu clinic she started accosting Ms. Ries as well. Ms. Ries was successful in exerting her authority. She led the woman from the building.

Mr. Cowan suggested that the City may want to look into offering trainings on how to deal with the public in difficult situations such as this. *Chairperson Sagall* stated that they will have a police officer at the remaining public flu clinics. *Mr. Schenk* stated that the Health Department is working with City's Human Resources on a Health and Safety Program that includes addressing this issue. *Mr. Cowan* asked him to inform Sawyer Library's Director Deborah Kelsey to offer the inclusion of library staff in a training.

Mr. Schenk stated that the Health Director had to attend the Budget and Finance Committee meeting tonight but she wanted him to mention that they are looking for volunteers to assist at the Vote and Vax flu clinic at the High School on Election Day.

Next Regular Monthly Meeting Board of Health- The next Board of Health monthly meeting will be on December 1, 2016 at the CATA Training Room at 5:30 p.m. *Mr. Rosa* stated that he will not be able to attend.

MOTION by Mr. Rosa to adjourn.
Seconded by Mr. Cowan. **CARRIED.**
MEETING ADJOURNED – 6:00 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Bobbi Orlando

Accepted by:

Richard Sagall, Chairperson

Documents Referenced:
November 3, 2016 Board of Health Agenda
October 4, 2016 Board of Health Minutes
November 2016 Monthly Department Reports