

**CITY OF GLOUCESTER
Board of Health
Minutes of the Meeting
April 6, 2017
5:30 p.m.
City Hall Annex
3 Pond Road
Gloucester, MA 01930**

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

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 Ms. Schweitzer to approve the Gloucester Board of Health minutes of the meeting of March 2nd, 2017 as written. **Seconded** by Mr. Cowan. **CARRIED**.

The Gloucester Board of Health continued the approval of the Septic Review Subcommittee minutes of March 21st, 2017 until the May meeting.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Cowan read the following statement:

At its meeting of March 21, 2017 the Gloucester Board of Health Septic Review Subcommittee deliberated on the following proposals:

Local upgrade request for a proposed septic system upgrade at 90R Hesperus Avenue:

- to allow for the use of one deep hole instead of two (310 CMR 15.405 (1)(k)), and
- to allow alternative design standards in order to reduce the size of the leaching field by 41%, and
- to reduce the separation from the bottom of the leaching facility to groundwater from 4 feet to 2 feet, with the use of a Waterloo Biofilter and Perc-Rite Drip Dispersal System.

The Subcommittee voted unanimously to approve these requests.

The Subcommittee continued a request for approval of a septic system upgrade at **10 Magnolia Avenue**, a property that has frontage in Gloucester and Manchester-By-The-Sea, due to insufficient legal documents indicating that the Manchester residents could be bound to Gloucester's regulatory authority.

The Subcommittee continued a request for approval of a septic system upgrade at **10 Waterside Lane** due to an abutter not being properly notified of the meeting and concerns regarding drainage issues caused by a proposed retaining wall along the property line of an abutter.

Mr. Cowan stated that DEP no longer reviews their decisions related to Title 5 and the Septic Review Subcommittee proposed that they be more liberal with the installation of tight tanks in order to remove all evidence of pollution.

NEW BUSINESS

Susan Gould Coviello, Executive Director, North Shore Health Project -

Update on the NSHP Harm Reduction Program

Susan Gould Coviello, Executive Director, of the North Shore Health Project and *Kara Blake*, Program Manager at the One Stop Harm Reduction part of the North Shore Health Project appeared before the board. *Ms. Coviello* stated that it took a while for all the funding to go through but the North Shore Health Project is now a functional space.

Ms. Blake gave board members an overview of her past experience and stated that she is a licensed social worker. She stated that the North Shore Health Project has the needle exchange and disposal program fully up and running and they are very close to having their testing aspect up and running as well. She stated that they are working on getting their overdose and prevention up and running. She stated that they are on a waitlist for funding for the overdose and prevention program. *Ms. Coviello* stated that if they do not get the overdose and prevention program funding they would like to discuss with the board how to acquire Narcan so they can supply it to clients if they ask for it. She invited board members to visit the facility.

Ms. Carroll asked how many years are covered to fund the program. *Ms. Coviello* responded that it is a yearly contract but she does not see any reason that the funds would go away anytime soon.

Ms. Schweitzer asked if they have thought about outreach at the high school. *Ms. Blake* responded that their program serves adults 18 and older. *Ms. Coviello* stated that she has been in discussion with Linda Gipstein at the high school.

Mr. Schenk asked if they have been in contact with the Police and Fire Departments. *Ms. Blake* responded that she has been in contact with the Police Department but not the Fire Department as of yet. *Ms. Coviello* stated that she has started some outreach with the Fire Department. The hours for the One Stop Harm Reduction Center located at 5 Center Street are Mon/Tues/Thurs: 9-5, Wednesday 9-8, and Friday 9-1. Prevention and screening services are Monday 10-4, Wednesday 10-6, and Thursday 10-6. The board thanked *Ms. Coviello* and *Ms. Blake* for their presentation and for their work at the North Shore Health Project.

Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and CPR Trainings - Update -

Ms. Ries stated that early in the fall the Health Department purchased three automated external defibrillators (AEDs) for placement at City Hall Annex, City Hall, and the Rose Baker Senior Center. She stated that anyone can use these. She stated that they are still not installed because they need to have medical director oversight, a site liaison, and policies and procedures in place. She stated that they have started trainings on the devices and about 35 employees have been trained so far. She stated that those employees have also been trained on nasal Narcan with the AED training. She stated that they are hoping to add more AEDs around the city.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on 1 Pilot's Hill Condemnation Order-

Mr. Schenk stated that the condemnation order remains in place. He stated that they checked with National Grid and they have not been able to get to Mr. Aro's property yet. He stated that there has been progress, it has just been slow.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Presented by Karin Carroll and Max Schenk

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

[April Monthly Report 2017](#)

Ms. Carroll stated that the inspectors have been busy the last month with annual inspections. She stated that the number of food establishment complaints and the number of food inspections should be switched in the report. She stated that she and Joan Whitney met with the Mayor to discuss the recovery safe space pilot which is underway and going well. She stated that the Mayor was very supportive of the program.

Chairperson Sagall asked why the Dental Center had such a big jump in numbers. *Mr. Schenk* responded that he will inquire about that.

Ms. Carroll stated that Joan Whitney is receiving the Beverly Ross Fliegel Social Policy award tonight for leadership in policy change. *Ms. Carroll* invited board members to the Women Honoring Women luncheon event on May 1. *Ms. Carroll* stated that the Take Back the Night event will be on April 10, at 6pm at the Gloucester Police Department.

Ms. Carroll stated that the Medical Director position description has been finalized.

Ms. Carroll stated that they will have a few interns helping out in the Health Department this summer.

Ms. Carroll stated that the budget summary is enclosed in the Board members' packet.

Mr. Schenk stated that they were awarded a \$5000 grant to allow for an upgrade on equipment at the Dental Center.

Ms. Carroll asked board members if they would like to support the Prevention and Wellness Trust Fund. The board agreed that they support the work of the Prevention and Wellness Trust Fund.

MOTION by Ms. Schweitzer that the Gloucester Board of Health add their name to support the Prevention and Wellness Trust Fund. **Seconded** by Mr. Cowan. **CARRIED.**

CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS

Next Regular Monthly Meeting Board of Health- The next Board of Health monthly meeting will be on May 4, 2017 at the CATA Training Room at 5:30 p.m. *Ms. Schweitzer* stated that she could not attend the meeting on May 4, 2017. *Mr. Cowan* stated that he cannot attend the May 4, 2017 meeting as well.

MOTION by Ms. Schweitzer to adjourn.
Seconded by Mr. Cowan. **CARRIED.**
MEETING ADJOURNED – 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbi Orlando

Accepted by:

Richard Sagall, Chairperson

Documents Referenced:
April 6, 2017 Board of Health Agenda
March 2, 2017 Board of Health Minutes
April 2017 Monthly Department Reports
Annual Report 2016