

**CITY OF GLOUCESTER
Board of Health
Minutes of the Meeting
June 1, 2017
5:30 p.m.
City Hall Annex
3 Pond Road
Gloucester, MA 01930**

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

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

MOTION by Mr. Cowan to nominate Ms. Schweitzer as acting Chair of the Board of Health for the June 1, 2017 meeting. **Seconded** by Mr. Rosa. **CARRIED**. Ms. Schweitzer accepted the nomination.

PUBLIC ORAL COMMUNICATION

There was no “Public Oral Communication”.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Gloucester Board of Health continued the approval of minutes for the April 6, 2017 and May 4, 2017 meetings until the July meeting.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **No reports for May**

NEW BUSINESS

Enforcement Order - Railroad Variety, 2 Railroad Avenue -

Second violation of Board of Health Regulation Restricting the Sale of Tobacco and Nicotine Delivery Products, section D(1) “Tobacco and Nicotine Delivery Product Sales to minors Prohibited” Wahid Mahmud, Proprietor

Mr. Schenk stated that this is a unique situation where the proprietor, Wahid Mahmud, is not arguing the violation but the issue falls with the suspension of the sale of tobacco products for 7 days since Mr. Mahmud is in the process of selling the business. He stated that Mr. Mahmud has paid the fine and is appearing in front of the board to ask them to consider that the enforcement order could halt the sale of the business. He stated that Mr. Mahmud would like the

board to work in partnership and agreement in saying that if the sale of the property does not take place by June 13th, 2107 then Mr. Mahmud will have to remove all tobacco products and not sell any tobacco products for seven days but if the sale does go through then the enforcement would not carry through to the new business owner.

Wahid Mahmud appeared before the board and asked the board to consider postponing the enforcement until June 13 if the business does not sell.

Mr. Cowan asked Mr. Mahmud if he had any business or family relationship to the new business owner. *Mr. Mahmud* responded that he does not.

Mr. Cowan stated that suspension is meant to bring the message of education rather than punishment and he does not see the sense considering he is selling the business and he does not want to diminish the success of the new owner.

The board agreed with Mr. Cowan and agreed to suspend enforcement until June 14, 2017.

Presentation on City's Workplace Health and Wellness Walking Initiative, Aliza Ottenheimer / Karin Carroll -

Ms. Carroll stated that Ms. Ottenheimer could not attend the meeting due to a scheduling conflict. She gave an overview of the City's Workplace Health and Wellness Walking Initiative. She stated that they looked at the Needs Assessment data in Gloucester and some key indicators were inactivity and obesity. She stated that they received a \$10,000 grant for workplace wellness and part of the grant is that they needed to survey City employees. She stated that the survey showed that employees were concerned with inactivity and weight loss. She stated that because of that data they wrote the grant proposal around a walking initiative and healthy food choices at work. She stated that they are partnering with a nutritionist from the YMCA. She stated the Mayor is a big supporter of the initiative.

Mr. Cowan stated that he asked previously about the walking trail that runs between Gloucester and Rockport .. "Is the trail located in Gloucester's Watershed?" .. and the response he received from Steve Winslow was not clear. *Ms. Carroll* stated that she will check into the inquiry.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on 1 Pilot's Hill Condemnation Order-

Mr. Schenk stated that the condemnation order remains in place and everything is going well and moving forward. He stated that Mr. Aro is working on the heating system. He stated that Mr. Aro checks in to the Health Department twice a month.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Presented by Karin Carroll and Max Schenk

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

June Monthly Report

Ms. Carroll stated there has been a couple of grants submitted such as the Department of Justice regional police department grant, the Tower grant, and the funding request through Senator Tarr's office.

Ms. Carroll stated the Ms. Ries has been working on the North Shore Mother Visiting Partnership. She stated that Ms. Ries applied for funding for this initiative and they found out this week that they did receive the funding.

Ms. Carroll stated that the Health Department is hoping on a level-funded budget. She stated that the Health Department was not granted the increase they asked for.

Ms. Carroll stated that the Recreational Marijuana Task Force has been meeting frequently. The board discussed the sale of recreational marijuana.

Mr. Schenk stated that the testing at Plum Cove Beach shows that they are still within the State guidelines. The board discussed publishing the beach testing results on Facebook or the City website.

Ms. Carroll stated that the noise complaint at Americold continues but there is no finding at this point. She stated that Americold had a study done that showed that the amount of noise produced by the facility is not in violation of the City ordinance. The City did have an independent consultant look at the noise as well, and showed that the initial study was accurate and the noise was below the 65 decibel level. She stated that they cannot get an ambient reading because the operation runs for 24 hours.

CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS

Next Regular Monthly Meeting Board of Health- The next Board of Health monthly meeting will be on July 6, 2017 at the CATA Training Room at 5:30 p.m.

MOTION by Mr. Cowan to adjourn.
Seconded by Mr. Rosa. **CARRIED.**
MEETING ADJOURNED – 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbi Orlando

Accepted by:

Claudia Schweitzer, Acting-Chairperson

Documents Referenced:

June 1, 2017 Board of Health Agenda

April 6, 2017 Board of Health Minutes

May 4, 2017 Board of Health Minutes

June 2017 Monthly Department Reports