

**CITY OF GLOUCESTER
Board of Health
Minutes of the Meeting
July 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 Joe Rosa. Present from the Health Department: Health Director: Karin Carroll; Assistant Director: Max Schenk. Absent: Claudia Schweitzer and Vice-Chairperson: Robert Harris.

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PUBLIC ORAL COMMUNICATION

Loren French of 183 East Main street appeared before the board. He stated that he has a support petition for the proposal that Scott Memhard and Jamie O'Hara are proposing for the City Council and the Board of Health to support the adoption of the DEP levels for sound. He stated that he has been in a constant battle with Americold regarding the noise from the building. He stated that they have some success with the issue but would like the City to use the DEP testing approach to test sound since they look at the ambiance sound of the neighborhood. He stated that this issue has not just affected his hearing but his emotional health as well.

Neil Costa of 34 East Main Street appeared before the board. He stated that the noise level from Americold and National Fish is between 53 to 64 decibels. He stated that during the day the acceptable level is 60 and at night and on weekends the acceptable level drops to 45 decibels. He stated that he is really surprised that no action has been taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Mr. Cowan to approve the Gloucester Board of Health minutes of the meeting of April 6th, 2017 as written. **Seconded** by Dr. Sagall. **CARRIED.**

MOTION by Mr. Rosa to approve the Gloucester Board of Health minutes of the meeting of May 4th, 2017 as written. **Seconded** by Dr. Sagall. **CARRIED.**

MOTION by Mr. Cowan to approve the Gloucester Board of Health minutes of the meeting of June 1st, 2017 as written. **Seconded** by Mr. Rosa. **CARRIED.**

MOTION by Mr. Cowan to approve the Gloucester Board of Health minutes Septic Review Subcommittee of the meeting of June 22nd, 2017 as written. **Seconded** by Mr. Rosa. **CARRIED.**

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Septic Review Subcommittee Report for June 22, 2017-

Mr. Cowan reported that the Septic Review Subcommittee met on June 22, 2017. He stated that all decisions made by the board were unanimous for 368 Magnolia Avenue, 15 Waterman Road, 319 Concord Street, and 25 Concord Street as outlined on the agenda for the meeting.

He read the following statement regarding the license suspension of All Seasons Septic Services. The suspension of the license will continue until the following conditions are met:

1. A robust system is in place for tracking the amount and types of septic waste hauled from the point of pumping (customer) to the Waste Water treatment system, with accurate records of both to be provided to the Health Department and Water Compliance offices.
2. The financial and legal obligations to the City are resolved.
3. Maintenance Contracts to be drawn up between All Seasons and customers to ensure customers are not incorrectly charged in future similar to that of operations and maintenance contracts for alternative systems.

MOTION by Mr. Rosa to accept the Gloucester Board of Health report of the Septic Review Subcommittee of the meeting of June 22nd, 2017 as written. **Seconded** by Mr. Cowan.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion Regarding Potential Changes to Board of Health Regulation Restricting the Sale of Tobacco Delivery Products and Nicotine Delivery Products, to Include Flavored Tobacco Products -

Ms. Carroll stated that the Gloucester Youth Council appeared before the board a couple months ago with a petition that was signed by 187 students and staff from the Gloucester High School who would support a local policy that would ban the sale of flavored tobacco products in the City of Gloucester. She presented the board with a list of other Massachusetts' communities that have already banned the sale of flavored tobacco products. She stated that there is substantial data regarding flavored tobacco products as a starting point for nicotine use in minors.

Mr. Cowan stated that he feels that this is an enforcement issue and they need to tighten up enforcement of all nicotine products to minors. He stated that if a responsible adult wants to buy flavored tobacco products in Gloucester they should be able to do that.

Ms. Carroll suggested that she seek some market share data on the issue for the board. The board agreed that they would like to see more data on the issue.

Chairperson Sagall asked if there was anyone in the audience that would like to speak on the issue.

Dennis Lane of Quincy appeared before the board on behalf of the Coalition for Responsible Tobacco Retailing. He stated that adults should be allowed to purchase flavored tobacco products if they choose to. He stated that strict compliance will stop the sale of flavored tobacco products to minors.

Ms. Carroll stated that they did have 6 tobacco violations in the City in the last 2 or 3 months. The board agreed to discuss this issue at the next meeting.

Presentation by Public Health Nurse, Kelley Ries Regarding Summer Media/Outreach Campaign-

Ms. Carroll stated that *Ms. Ries* was not able to attend the meeting due to illness. She stated that *Ms. Ries* has a bulletin board in the lobby of the CATA building with free tick spoons, sunscreen, and various health flyers. She stated that they decided that they will change the bulletin board with the seasons. She stated that they will add bulletin boards to City Hall, Sawyer Free Library, and the Senior Center in the future.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on 1 Pilot's Hill Condemnation Order-

Mr. Schenk stated that the condemnation order remains in place but *Mr. Aro* developed an ailment that has caused a setback. He stated that they will continue to monitor the condemnation order.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Presented by Karin Carroll and Max Schenk

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

[June 2017 Monthly Report](#)

Ms. Carroll stated there were 94 complaints in June. *Mr. Schenk* stated that the complaints are mostly landlord disputes or trash in neighbors yards.

Ms. Carroll stated there *Ms. Ries* was able to provide immunizations to the Gloucester Fire Department. She vaccinated 43 firefighters in the last month or so.

Ms. Carroll stated that they received a donation from the Melanoma Foundation for sunscreen dispensers that the DPW mounted yesterday at the beaches and they will fill with sunscreen.

Ms. Carroll stated that they did not receive the Tower Foundation grant for next year.

Mr. Schenk stated that the preliminary result of yesterday's beach testing came back and Good Harbor Beach Creek came back high; the sample was sent out and if that result comes back

high as well they would have to close that section of the beach. He stated that Plum Cove spiked a couple days this season but has been doing exceptionally well recently.

Ms. Carroll stated that she included the goals for strategic planning in the board members' packets.

CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS

Witham Street- *Chairperson Sagall* stated that he received a complaint from people walking down Witham Street upset that there is no sidewalk and there is poison ivy growing out into the street. *Mr. Schenk* stated that the link See Click Fix on the City's website will stream issues like this to the appropriate City department.

Next Regular Monthly Meeting Board of Health- The next Board of Health monthly meeting will be on August 3, 2017 at the CATA Training Room at 5:30 p.m.

MOTION by Mr. Cowan to adjourn.
Seconded by Mr. Rosa. **CARRIED.**
MEETING ADJOURNED – 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbi Orlando

Accepted by:

Richard Sagall, Chairperson

Documents Referenced:

July 6, 2017 Board of Health Agenda
April 6, 2017 Board of Health Minutes
May 4, 2017 Board of Health Minutes
June 1, 2017 Board of Health Minutes
June 22, 2017 Board of Health SRC Minutes
June 2017 Monthly Department Reports