

**CITY OF GLOUCESTER
Board of Health
Minutes of the Meeting
February 1, 2018
5:30 p.m.
City Hall Annex
3 Pond Road
Gloucester, MA 01930**

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

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 December 7th, 2017 as written. **Seconded** by Mr. Cowan. **CARRIED.** Mr. Harris and Mr. Rosa **abstained.**

MOTION by Ms. Schweitzer to approve the Gloucester Board of Health minutes of the meeting of January 11th, 2018 as written. **Seconded** by Mr. Rosa. **CARRIED.** Mr. Cowan **abstained.**

MOTION by Mr. Harris to approve the Gloucester Board of Health Septic Review Subcommittee minutes of the meeting of January 17th, 2018 as written. **Seconded** by Mr. Rosa. **CARRIED.**

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Septic Review Subcommittee Report for January 2018- The board accepted the Septic Review Subcommittee Report for January 2018.

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation by Joan Whitney, Director of Substance Abuse Prevention Services and HGC re: Projects Supported by 2017 Tower Foundation Grant– *Joan Whitney*, Director of Substance Abuse Prevention Services and the Healthy Gloucester Collaborative appeared before the board. *Ms. Whitney* gave a brief overview of the Tower Foundation Grant. She stated that Tower Grant is a three year grant that focuses on substance prevention, addiction, and

recovery. She stated that the grant brings together partners across the North Shore and they are focusing on youths and young adults. She highlighted strengths and gaps in the grant.

Chairperson Sagall stated that he would like the monthly summary submitted to the Board of Health.

Questioned by Chairperson Sagall and Mr. Cowan on the subject of posting and the public's access and ability to contribute to these meetings attended by Health Department staff and partners from across the North Shore. *Ms. Carroll* assured the board they will be compliant with Open Meeting Law.

Mr. Rosa stated that it is important that this type of grant be utilized to address the broader problems.

The board thanked Ms. Whitney for her presentation.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Schenk stated that the owner of 654R Essex Avenue would like to appear before the board since the last Board of Health meeting date was changed due to inclement weather. The board agreed to put 654R Essex Avenue on the agenda for the next meeting.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Presented by Karin Carroll and Max Schenk

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

[February Monthly Department](#)

Mr. Schenk stated that the Health Department has recently been involved in two condemnation orders. He stated that they have been working with Senior-Care to assist in one of the orders.

Ms. Carroll stated that they are seeing lots of flu around. She stated that last January there were 11 confirmed flu cases in Gloucester and this January there were 67 confirmed cases in Gloucester.

Ms. Carroll stated that the Health Department appeared on Cape Ann TV with the Fire Chief, Erik Smith, to discuss fire safety and Carbon Monoxide Detectors.

Ms. Carroll stated that there was a finding on the noise complaint at the AmeriCold site that one of the three sites tested had a finding of being above the City's noise ordinance and Americold has been given an order from the City's Building Department to rectify the issue. She stated that the violation will go to the new owner when they change hands.

Ms. Carroll stated that the One Billion Rising event is coming up on February 14th at City Hall.

Ms. Carroll stated that they received confirmation and a contract from the State for an additional \$75,000 to go to the High Risk Task Force, specifically in Gloucester.

CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS

Rats- *Ms. Schweitzer* stated she is concerned about the rats in the City. *Ms. Carroll* stated that they have sent an article to the local newspapers twice but they haven't run the articles. *Mr. Schenk* stated that they had a meeting and discussed what they could do about the issue. He stated that they are looking into funding to educate residents on the issue.

Untagged Seafood- *Mr. Cowan* stated that in *Ms. Nicastro's* report she discussed a restaurant that had seafood thrown away due to stacking in the cooler but she also stated that the seafood bags of oysters and clams were not tagged. He stated it is important that the seafood has the proper tags.

Bystander First Aid- *Mr. Cowan* stated that there was a patron who experienced an overdose in the Men's Room at the Sawyer Free Library and the library personnel trained in its application responded by administering Narcan and saved the person's life. He stated that library personnel are not trained on an ongoing basis in the medical field and citizens should have more training in bystander first aid to keep pace with changing risk factors. He stated that citizens need to know there is a risk in handling or breathing fentanyl and they should be instructed on how to protect themselves from an accidental exposure. *Ms. Carroll* stated that she will speak with the Public Health Nurse on the issue.

Next Regular Monthly Meeting Board of Health- The next Board of Health monthly meeting will be on March 1, 2018 at the CATA Training Room at 5:30 p.m.

MOTION by Mr. Harris to adjourn.
Seconded by Ms. Schweitzer. **CARRIED.**
MEETING ADJOURNED – 6:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbi Orlando

Accepted by:

Richard Sagall, Chairperson

Documents Referenced:

February, 2018 Board of Health Agenda
December 7, 2017 Board of Health Minutes
January 11, 2018 Board of Health Minutes
January 17, 2018 SRS Minutes
January 2018 SRS Report
February 2018 Monthly Department Reports