

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

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

The meeting started at 5:30 p.m.

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 1st, 2018 as written. **Seconded** by Mr. Harris. **CARRIED.** Mr. Rosa **abstained.**

The minutes of the Board of Health meeting for April 5, 2018 were tabled until the June meeting due to a lack of a quorum of members present at that meeting.

The minutes of the Board of Health meeting Septic Review Subcommittee for April 26, 2018 were tabled until the June meeting due to a lack of a quorum of members present at that meeting.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Septic Review Subcommittee Report for April 2018- *Mr. Rosa* read the following report:

“At its meeting of April 26, 2018 the Septic Review Subcommittee reviewed the following projects:

- 17 Brooks Road (Map 246, Lot 22) - Property owned by Joseph and April Orlando - represented by Dan Ottenheimer, Mill River Consulting

The subcommittee discussed the onsite wastewater options for system upgrade presented by Mill River Consulting. After discussion, the Subcommittee felt that, given the location of a

drainage line and high groundwater elevation that a system that proposed an secondary treatment system would be favorably received by the Subcommittee.

- 1-3 Cabot Lane (Map 249, Lot 20) - Property owned by Leary Realty 5, LLC - represented by Mark Finn, dba The Hunter Group)

Request for Variances to 310 CMR 15.211 "Minimum Setback Distances"

Subcommittee continued the meeting to the Board of Health meeting of May 3, 2018 for the purposes of gathering more information from the property owner/installer."

The board accepted the Septic Review Subcommittee Report for April 2018.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no "New Business".

OLD BUSINESS

(Continued from Septic Review Subcommittee meeting of April 26, 2018) 1-3 Cabot Lane (Map 249, Lot 20), Property owned by Leary Realty 5, LLC - represented by Mark Finn, (dba The Hunter Group)–

Request for Variances to 310 CMR 15.211 "Minimum Setback Distances"

- *Setback of a setback tank to a property line (10-feet required, 1-foot provided)*
- *Setback of a leaching facility to water service (10-feet required, 9-feet provided)*

Mark Finn of 20 Asbury Street in Topsfield appeared before the board. He stated that they hit ledge where the tank was supposed to go. He gave a brief overview of the variance requests. He stated that the previous sanitarian gave him some suggestions and he went with him.

Mr. Rosa stated that the procedure when deviating from a plan is to come before the board to request a variance. *Mr. Finn* responded that he was aware of that and he ran it by the Health Agent and the Design Engineer and they said they were fine with it.

Mr. Schenk stated that he spoke with Thorsen Ackerley and he confirmed what *Mr. Finn* has stated.

Mr. Harris stated that in the future the Septic Subcommittee can approve variances such as these in shorter notice. *Mr. Finn* responded that he understands the procedure now.

MOTION by *Mr. Harris* that the Gloucester Board of Health approve the request for variance for 1-3 Cabot Lane (Map 249, Lot 20) as written on the May 3, 2018 agenda. **Seconded** by *Ms. Schweitzer*. **CARRIED.**

MONTHLY REPORTS

Presented by Karin Carroll and Max Schenk

The following “Monthly Report” was given to Board members.

[May Monthly Report](#)

Ms. Carroll stated that the Health Department’s budget has gone forth to City Council and they did not get everything they asked for but there were no cuts.

Ms. Carroll stated that the part-time Mass in Motion Coordinator, Jennifer Donnelly started on April 23, 2018.

Ms. Carroll stated that she and Kelley Hiland attended the NACCHO Public Health Emergency Preparedness Conference in Georgia. She stated that it was an excellent conference.

Ms. Carroll stated that Mr. Schenk organized two retailer trainings with Joyce Redford on the new flavored tobacco regulations. She stated that new regulation went into effect on May 1, 2018.

Mr. Schenk stated that he met with the Steve Aro, the owner of 1 Pilot’s Hill and Senior Care a few months ago regarding the condemnation order. He stated that Mr. Aro has until July 1, 2018 to clean up the exterior of the home and if that isn’t done then they will work with the Building Department to have a company clean it up for him. He stated that the building will be boarded up if the clean up is not done. He stated that they have received complaints from neighbors that he has been seen on the site.

Mr. Schenk stated that they are in the final stages of hiring for the Sanitarian position.

Ms. Carroll stated that Joan Whitney will present to the Board of Health on the Tower Foundation Grant in either June or July.

CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS

Suicide Prevention Film- *Ms. Schweitzer* stated that Anita Pandolfi, a therapist who lost her daughter to suicide is hosting a viewing of a suicide prevention film at the Cape Ann Cinema and Ms. Pandolfi is looking for community support. The board discussed supporting the film and while they support it individually they would need to view the film before they put the City’s name on it. *Ms. Carroll* stated that if it was endorsed by a certain group then they might be able to support it.

Next Regular Monthly Meeting Board of Health- The next Board of Health monthly meeting will be on June 7, 2018 at the CATA Training Room at 5:30 p.m.

MOTION by Mr. Rosa to adjourn.

Seconded by Ms. Schweitzer. **CARRIED.**
MEETING ADJOURNED – 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbi Orlando

Accepted by:

Rob Harris, Vice-Chairperson

Documents Referenced:

May 2018 Board of Health Agenda
March 1, 2018 Board of Health Minutes
April 5, 2018 Board of Health Minutes
April 26, 2018 SRS Minutes
April 2018 SRS Report
May 2018 Monthly Department Reports