

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

Board members present: Chairperson: Dr. Richard Sagall; Frederick Cowan; Joe Rosa; and Claudia Schweitzer. Present from the Health Department: Health Director: Karin Carroll and Assistant Director: Max Schenk. Absent: Vice-Chairperson: Robert Harris. *Mr. Schenk* stated that Ms. Carroll is attending the Budget and Finance Meeting and will arrive shortly.

The meeting started at 5:30 p.m.

This meeting was 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 June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 as written. **Seconded** by Mr. Cowan. **CARRIED**.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Septic Review Subcommittee Report for April 2018- The Septic Review Subcommittee did not meet in June.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Joan Whitney, Director of Substance Abuse Prevention Services - Update on Prevention Efforts Associated with Tower Foundation Grant- *Ms. Whitney*, Director of Substance Abuse Prevention Services, appeared before the board. *Ms. Whitney* stated that it has been an honor to work in Gloucester for the past ten years and she is retiring at this point. She stated that it has been a total joy and she has met so many wonderful people and so much good work has happened. She stated that she has capsulized all the substance abuse prevention work that they have done since 2008 and gave board members a handout with that information. She summarized the grants they have been awarded and the numerous prevention programs that they have created. She highlighted their three year goal which is to "increase identification of childhood trauma and early intervention to reduce substance misuse". The board thanked Ms. Whitney for all her work over the past ten years.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Update Regarding 1 Pilot's Hill Condemnation Order– *Mr. Schenk* stated that he spoke with Tiffany Machado of Senior Care and they are going to meet with Mr. Aro on site on Tuesday to see where he stands with the clean up. He stated that if the building does not meet requirements he will speak with the Building Department about locking up the dwelling.

Continued Discussion Regarding Local Board of Health Marijuana Regulations- *Ms. Carroll* submitted a revised draft of the Local Board of Health Marijuana Regulations to board members. The board reviewed the draft regulations.

*Mr. Cowan* asked if they would be allowed to sell lottery tickets. *Ms. Carroll* stated that she will check into that.

*Ms. Carroll* stated that she has inquired about putting a cap on products with very high concentration of THC.

## **MONTHLY REPORTS**

Presented by Karin Carroll and Max Schenk

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

### [July Monthly Report](#)

*Ms. Carroll* stated that they wanted to revisit smoking at the beaches. She stated that Rockport recently passed in ordinance that banned smoking at the beaches. *Chairperson Sagall* stated that they should gather some information from other communities to see what they are doing and put it on the August agenda for discussion.

*Ms. Carroll* stated that the Health Department submitted the SAMSA grant for mental health and first aid training.

*Ms. Carroll* stated that they are in the process within the Health Department of setting goals to marry with their strategic plan.

*Ms. Carroll* stated that Ms. Hiland is back and helping to explore the Narcan distribution.

*Mr. Schenk* stated that the sampling for the Good Harbor Creek area exceeded the limitations last week and they did have to close that portion of the beach. He stated that the last five tests have been fine.

*Mr. Schenk* stated that they are doing their camp inspections now and they had one camp that has been operating in areas of the city that was not disclosed to the Health Department. He stated that he is in discussion with the camps to discuss safety and liability issues.

*Ms. Carroll* stated that the Extreme Weather Group has been re-activated. The board discussed the need for cooling stations during holidays and Sundays.

*Ms. Carroll* stated that Sticker Shock Campaign that the SAPSY grant she is working on for underage drinking is looking for one more representative from Gloucester who would be willing to sit on the committee.

### **CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Recombinant DNA Regulations- *Mr. Rosa* stated that years ago the Board of Health promulgated and the City Council accepted and adopted regulations regarding the use of recombinant DNA. He stated that it is almost happening in the City and they should elect members for the committee that the regulation calls for. The board agreed to put this item on the agenda for discussion at a subsequent meeting.

Accreditation- *Chairperson Sagall* asked the board to revisit the idea of accreditation. *Ms. Carroll* stated that she will check into how far they are from accreditation.

Beach Videos- *Ms. Schweitzer* stated that the videos that were filmed at the beach were good. *Ms. Carroll* stated that they have asked them to create one video with important pieces from each of the previous videos with the relevant information.

Next Regular Monthly Meeting Board of Health- The next Board of Health monthly meeting will be on August 2, 2018 at the CATA Training Room at 5:30 p.m. *Ms. Schweitzer* stated that she will not be able to attend the August meeting.

**MOTION** by Mr. Rosa to adjourn.  
Seconded by Ms. Schweitzer. **CARRIED.**  
MEETING ADJOURNED – 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Bobbi Orlando

Accepted by:

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Richard Sagall, Chairperson

Documents Referenced:

July 2018 Board of Health Agenda

June 7, 2018 Board of Health Minutes

July 2018 Monthly Department Reports

Substance Abuse Prevention: Accomplishments 2008-Present

Draft Local Board of Health Marijuana Regulations