

**CITY OF GLOUCESTER
Board of Health
Minutes of the Meeting
November 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; and Joe Rosa. Present from the Health Department: Health Director: Karin Carroll; Assistant Director: Max Schenk; Food Inspector: Rosalie Nicastro; and Sanitarian: Marcus Costonis. Absent: Claudia Schweitzer and Frederick Cowan.

Also present Amy Epstein, Regional Substance Misuse Prevention Coordinator and Rachel Alexis, SAPSY Coordinator.

The meeting started at 5:30 p.m.

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

PUBLIC ORAL COMMUNICATION

Janice Toneatti of 18 Barker Avenue appeared before the board. She stated that she appeared before the Board of Health with her concerns with her neighbor's cow, bull, and roosters and their proximity to the wetlands. She asked board members if there were any changes being made to the livestock and fowl regulations in Gloucester. *Mr. Schenk* responded that there is a committee run by the Animal Control Officer that will be looking at such things.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The board deferred the approval of minutes from the October 4, 2018 meeting until the December meeting due to lack of a quorum of members present at that meeting.

MOTION by Mr. Harris to approve the Gloucester Board of Health Septic Subcommittee minutes of the meeting of August 28th, 2018 as written. **Seconded** by Mr. Rosa. **CARRIED.**

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

There was no “Standing Committee Reports” for October.

NEW BUSINESS

Comments to Board by Rosalie Nicaastro, Food Inspector-

Ms. Nicaastro announced to board members that she will retire on November 21, 2018.

The board thanked *Ms. Nicaastro* for her service to the City of Gloucester.

Phone-in Presentation to the Board by Stephen Jones, MD. Volunteer Representative to the Massachusetts Sierra Club, on the Possible Health Risks of Natural Gas Infrastructure-

Stephen Jones, volunteer representative to the Massachusetts Sierra Club introduced himself to board members. He discussed his concerns regarding human health risks regarding natural gas infrastructure in residential homes.

Mr. Rosa stated that the studies *Dr. Jones* has cited do not have overwhelming data to suggest that the use of gas in homes in it of itself is causing adverse events. *Dr. Jones* agreed that a meta-analysis is imperfect and is open to interpretation. He stated that in his mind there is good evidence of adverse effects of gas in homes.

Dr. Jones stated that since they have started their presentations, 78 Boards of Health have written letters to the Governor expressing their concerns of the risks of using natural gas.

Marsha Hart of 2 Freemont Street appeared before the board. She stated that she worked on legislative issues in regard to the climate. She stated that she is concerned with the cost of gas leaks and the costs to the consumer. She stated that this is a large public health issue.

Ellen Leaman of 16 Great Hill Road appeared before the board. She stated that these issues need to be addressed and she asked the board to express those concerns to the Governor.

The board thanked *Dr. Jones* for his presentation.

Presentation by Amy Epstein and Rachel Alexis on SAPC "Sticker Shock" Campaign-

Amy Epstein and Rachel Alexis appeared before the board. *Ms. Epstein* gave a brief background on the Regional Sticker Shock Campaign Project. She stated that the program focuses on preventing underage drinking and change the norms and behaviors in the people who are buying alcohol for underage youth.

Then board thanked *Ms. Epstein* and *Ms. Alexis* for their presentation.

Enforcement Order - Conrad Vitale, Failure to Respond to Health Department Order for Violations to State Sanitary Code at 106 Pleasant Street / 8 Cedar Street (Map 27 / Lot 74) -

Mr. Schenk gave a brief overview of the violations to State Sanitary Code at 106 Pleasant Street / 8 Cedar Street.

Mr. Costonis discussed the safety and health issues that are present at 106 Pleasant Street / 8 Cedar Street.

The board agreed to give the owner of the property 14 days to complete the necessary issues at the property.

MOTION by Mr. Harris that the Gloucester Board of Health extend the deadline to be compliant by 14 days for items that need to complete as written at 106 Pleasant Street / 8 Cedar Street and the Health Department can amend that deadline if progress is being made. **Seconded** by Mr. Rosa. **CARRIED.**

OLD BUSINESS

Adoption of Board of Health Regulation: "Regulation to Ensure the Sanitary and Safe Operation of Adult-Use Marijuana Establishments and the Sale of Adult-Use Marijuana"-

MOTION by Mr. Rosa that the Gloucester Board of Health adopt the "Regulation to Ensure the Sanitary and Safe Operation of Adult-Use Marijuana Establishments and the Sale of Adult-Use Marijuana" as dated November 1, 2018. **Seconded** by Mr. Harris. **CARRIED.**

MONTHLY REPORTS

Presented by Karin Carroll and Max Schenk

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

[October Monthly Report](#)

Ms. Carroll stated that she attended the City Public Hearing on fluoridation and the Board of Health will provide research and responses as requested by City Council.

Ms. Carroll stated that the Smoke-free beaches regulation was presented to DPW and the administration. She stated that they had some concerns about enforcement. She said they will work through some of those issues.

Ms. Carroll stated that the review of the dental center has been completed and the manager of the dental center position has been re-posted as a part-time position.

Ms. Carroll stated that they had a joint meeting with the City Council and the School Committee. She stated that the meeting went very well.

Ms. Carroll stated that there will be a flu clinic at the high school on Election Day.

CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS

Next Regular Monthly Meeting Board of Health- The next Board of Health monthly meeting will be on December 6, 2018 at the CATA Training Room at 5:30 p.m.

MOTION by Mr. Rosa to adjourn.
Seconded by Mr. Harris. **CARRIED.**
MEETING ADJOURNED – 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbi Orlando

Accepted by:

Richard Sagall, Chairperson

Documents Referenced:
November 2018 Board of Health Agenda
October 4, 2018 Board of Health Minutes
October 2018 Monthly Department Reports
Local Board of Health Marijuana Regulations