

**CITY OF GLOUCESTER
Board of Health
Minutes of the Meeting
April 3, 2014
CATA Training Room
3 Pond Road
Gloucester, MA 01930**

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CITY CLERK
GLOUCESTER, MA

Board members present: Chairperson: Dr. Richard Sagall, Vice-Chairperson: Robert Harris and Claudia Schweitzer. Present from the Health Department: Public Health Director: Noreen Burke; Public Health Nurse: Lianne Cook; Manager of Environmental Health: Max Schenk; and Sanitarian: Erin Kirchner. Absent: Joe Rosa and Frederick Cowan.

PUBLIC ORAL COMMUNICATION

There was no "Public Oral Communication".

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There was no "Approval of Minutes" due to a lack of board members present at the meeting of March 6th meeting.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Presented by Noreen Burke, Lianne Cook, and Max Schenk

ANNUAL REPORT- *Ms. Burke* gave members a copy of the annual report. She stated that she would like to work on the mission statement and the values next year with more feedback from the staff. She stated that the report is on the City's website. *Chairperson Sagall* asked if the report was sent to the local newspapers. *Ms. Burke* stated that she will look into public relations for the report with the newspapers and Cape Ann Television. The board agreed that the report looked great.

DOG ORDINANCE- *Ms. Burke* stated that she received a letter from City Council asking for the Board of Health's input and opinion regarding health issues stemming from dog waste on the beaches. *Chairperson Sagall* suggested that they contact the Bureau of Environmental Health to gather some information. *Ms. Schweitzer* stated that there are two different issues, one is picking up after your dog and the other is the leash ordinance. The board agreed another issue is not having trash receptacles for residents to throw out dog waste. *Mr. Schenk* stated that there is an enforcement component and an educational component to the issue.

ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTS- *Ms. Burke* reported that that the Health Department is moving more towards electronic documents.

STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCHEON- *Ms. Burke* reported that the staff appreciation luncheon was a success and the staff really appreciated the luncheon.

HEALTHY GLOUCESTER COLLABORATIVE- *Ms. Burke* reported that the Healthy Gloucester Collaborative Staff have been at Pond Road due to a sewer backup at their location. She stated that the staff returned to the Gloucester Family Health building and she is very committed to all the programs being under one roof.

REGIONAL OPIATE MEETING- *Ms. Burke* reported that there was an important release yesterday on nasal Narcan and opiates. She stated that Governor Patrick declared a medical emergency on opiate overdoses. She stated that a new protocol was implemented where once all emergency personnel are trained they will begin administering nasal Narcan.

DENTAL CENTER- Ms. Burke reported that the bidding has closed on the Panarex digital xray machine and one bidder submitted a qualifying bid and the process is proceeding.

FY15 BUDGET- Ms. Burke reported that budget season has begun and she thanked Chairperson Sagall for accompanying her to the first meeting. She stated that the next meeting is April 17, 2014.

LAHEY COMMUNITY FORUM- Ms. Burke reported that there is a Lahey Community Forum and she will report back to the board after she attends the forum.

EMERGENCY DISPENSING SITE- Ms. Burke reported that they had an emergency dispensing site audit with the Center for Disease Control. She stated that the site is the O'Maley School and the back-up site is the Gloucester High School. She stated that the audit went well.

TRAININGS- Ms. Burke reported that there is a Shelter Operations Training on April 10th and April 12th. She stated that there are a number of other trainings that the staff has been attending. She stated that Mr. Schenk attended a Lead Detection Training recently.

LEAD PAINT DETECTION TRAINING- Mr. Schenk reported that he and Chris Sargent attended a Lead Paint Detection Training. He stated that it allows the Health Department, if asked, to go into a rental unit to test for the presence of lead paint.

REGISTERED SANITARIAN- Mr. Schenk congratulated Ms. Kirchner for earning her Registered Sanitarian license.

BEAUPORT HOTEL- Mr. Schenk reported that the Health Department presented their recommendations to the Planning Board on behalf of the Board of Health. He stated that their recommendations included air quality monitoring and pest control.

NEW BUSINESS

7 MECHANIC PLACE (MAP 139, LOT 1) – Property owner: Norris, Jesse Dennis III & Kimberley

Request for time extension of Health Department housing compliance order

Mr. Schenk gave an overview of the time extension requested by Mr. and Mrs. Norris, who were present in the audience. Ms. Kirchner stated that the Health Department does not have an issue with a 30 day extension since the owners are moving towards compliance.

Jesse Dennis Norris of 7 Mechanic Place appeared before the board. He stated that they need an extension for three of the nine violations.

Chairperson Sagall asked if there was anyone in the audience that would like to speak for or in opposition of the variances requested. There was no one.

MOTION by Ms. Schweitzer that the Gloucester Board of Health approve the request for an extension for thirty days for 7 Mechanic Place to complete the repairs that are outlined in the letter from the Health Department. **Seconded** by Mr. Harris. **CARRIED.**

SHINGLES BRIEFING – Ms. Cook reported that the Mayor and the City Council gave the Health Department \$20,000 dedicated to the provision of the Shingles vaccine. She stated that this vaccine is expensive and it is recommended to anyone over the age of 60.

SHINGLES BRIEFING, CON'T- Ms. Cook stated that the co-pay for the vaccine through the Health Department is \$85, which is half the wholesale price. She stated that the waiting lists will be eliminated and two to three clinics will be scheduled throughout 2014 and will be adequately publicized.

ARBORVIRUS SEASON DISCUSSION – Ms. Burke reported that they need to be prepared for a more heightened interest in mosquito, tick, and Lyme disease. She stated that Mr. Schenk has been discussing the issue with Dr. Katie Brown, the Chief Veterinarian with the State. She stated that the State usually issues guidance around this time and the plan will be out in early May. She stated that they want to educate the community and protect the health of the community. Chairperson Sagall stated that they need to have a plan. Ms. Schweitzer suggested that they use Ms. Burk's idea and should join with Manchester and Essex to meet with Senator Tarr and Representative Ferrante and try to come up with a recommendation together. The board agreed with that suggestion and they agreed to see if other Board's of Health are interested. Chairperson Sagall stated he will work with Ms. Burke on the issue. Ms. Burke stated that Mr. Schenk will follow up with the Department of Agriculture.

TOBACCO 21 DISCUSSION – Chairperson Sagall stated that some communities are raising the age to buy tobacco products to 21. Ms. Burke stated that there are 16 towns that have raised the age of buying tobacco products. Mr. Harris stated that they should also get data on what the financial impact to local businesses would be. The board discussed the issue and agreed to discuss the issue again when all board members are present and they gather more data on the issue. The board would like data on the percentage of smokers who are between the ages of 18-21.

50 ATLANTIC STREET (MAP 243, LOT 6) –

**Property owner: Carolina Philbrook
Representative: Isaac Rowe, Mill River Consulting**

Requests for variances to State Environmental Code (Title 5) for septic system upgrade:

- to reduce the separation distance from inlet and outlet tees to high groundwater;
- to reduce the setback distance from the tanks to the property line
- to reduce the setback distance from the tanks to the slab foundation;
- to reduce the setback distance from septic tank to wetland resource area;
- to reduce the setback distance soil absorption system to wetland resource area;
- to reduce the setback distance from the soil absorption system to habitable space

Ms. Kirchner stated that the engineer would like to table the item until the next working meeting.

Scott Brown, an abutter to 50 Atlantic Street appeared before the board. The board stated that Mr. Brown should come to the April meeting to speak on the issue.

OLD BUSINESS

13 CEDARWOOD ROAD (MAP 232, LOT 30) –

Property owners: Robert and Patricia Smith

Update on Enforcement Order Compliance – Requirement to Upgrade Failed System

Ms. Kirchner stated that at the last meeting the board agreed to give the property owners of 13 Cedarwood Road the opportunity to have a Title 5 inspection because they were contesting the validity of the upgrade order. The inspection was done and the system is in failure so they will go back to the original order giving them 30 days to submit a plan.

661 WESTERN AVENUE (MAP 199, LOT 24) –

Property Owner: Peter and Laverne Saputo

Update re: failure to comply with septic upgrade order dated 11/6/2013

Ms. Kirchner stated that the owner is seeking assistance from the Septic Loan Program and is making reasonable efforts.

CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETINGS- *Ms. Burke stated that the next Special Board of Health Meeting will be on April 17th, 2014 and the next regular Monthly Board of Health Meeting will be on Thursday May 1st, 2014.*

MOTION by Ms. Schweitzer to adjourn.
Seconded by Mr. Harris. **CARRIED.**
MEETING ADJOURNED – 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Bobbi Orlando

Accepted by:



Richard Sagall, Chairperson