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**CITY OF GLOUCESTER
Board of Health
Minutes of the Meeting
March 5, 2015
City Hall Annex
3 Pond Road
Gloucester, MA 01930**

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

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 January 15, 2015 as written. **Seconded** by Mr. Harris. **CARRIED.**

Approval of the February meeting was deferred until the April meeting because of a lack of a quorum.

NEW BUSINESS

9 OLD SALEM ROAD (MAP 215, LOT 20) –

Property owned by Patricia Lambert – represented by Dan Ottenheimer, Mill River Consulting

Request for variance from local regulations for new construction, including siting a soil absorption system 50' from a wetlands resource area.

Dan Ottenheimer, of Mill River Consulting appeared before the board on behalf of the owners. He gave a brief overview of the variance requested.

Ms. Kirchner gave a brief over view of the variance that is being requested at 9 Old Salem Road. She stated that she is comfortable with the system and feels that the variance requested is the best solution for the property and the abutters.

Chairperson Sagall asked if there was anyone in the audience that would like to speak for or against the proposed variance. There was no one.

MOTION by Mr. Rosa that the Gloucester Board of Health grant the variance request for 9 Old Salem Road as written on the agenda of March 5, 2015. **Seconded** by Mr. Harris. **CARRIED.**

31 SUMNER STREET (MAP 236, LOT 9) –

Property owned by Paul and Susan Richards – represented by John Judd, Gateway Consultants

Request for proposed tight tank as remediation for failed septic system.

John Judd, of Gateway Consultants appeared before the board on behalf of the owners. He gave a brief overview of the request for a tight tank.

Ms. Kirchner gave a brief overview of the request for a tight tank at 31 Sumner Street. She stated that she is comfortable with the request and feels that it is the only solution for the property.

Chairperson Sagall asked if there was anyone in the audience that would like to speak for or against the proposed variance. There was no one.

MOTION by Mr. Rosa that the Gloucester Board of Health grant the request for a tight tank for 31 Sumner Street as written on the agenda of March 5, 2015. **Seconded** by Mr. Harris. **CARRIED**.

47 BRAY STREET (MAP 240, LOT 44) –

Property owned by Daniel Grob – represented by Bill Perkins, Saneco

Request for variances from local regulations for replacing a failed septic system, including siting a septic tank 83' from a wetland resource area, siting a pump chamber 89' from a wetland resource area, and siting a soil absorption system 96' from a wetland resource area.

Bill Perkins, of Saneco appeared before the board on behalf of the owners. He gave a brief overview of the variances requested.

Ms. Kirchner gave a brief overview of the request for a tight tank at 47 Bray Street. She stated that she does not have any concerns with the variances that are being requested.

Mr. Rosa stated that the Septic Subcommittee agrees with *Ms. Kirchner* and if the system was more complex then they would ask for a pre-treatment or alternative system.

Chairperson Sagall asked if there was anyone in the audience that would like to speak for or against the proposed variance. There was no one.

MOTION by Mr. Rosa that the Gloucester Board of Health grant the variances requested for 47 Bray Street as written on the agenda of March 5, 2015. **Seconded** by Mr. Harris. **CARRIED**.

WORKING SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE BOARD, BRIEFING UPDATES –

Children's Dental Center Planning – *Ms. Burke* reported that the Children's Dental Center Planning is moving ahead. She stated that *Jessie Williams Reynoso* is working on a report to present to the board.

Performance of Mandated Enforcement Services – *Mr. Schenk* stated that they are continuing to move forward with the Performance of Mandated Enforcement Services Subcommittee. He stated that he sent board members a spreadsheet with all the department's mandated enforcement services.

Local Public Health Accreditation Discussion – *Ms. Burke* stated that the accreditation is moving across the nation. She stated that they are planning on meeting to discuss accreditation; however they have some staffing issues that will take precedent over the accreditation discussion. She stated that the State Public Health Department is moving towards accreditation now. She gave board members an information packet on accreditation.

FLUORIDATION IN COMMUNITY WATER SUPPLY-

Ms. Burke thanked Chairperson Sagall for his assistance on the fluoridation in community water supply issue. She stated that Newburyport did not put fluoridation on their ballot for a vote. *Mr. Schenk* stated that the City will determine whether or not the issue will appear on the next ballot at the next O & A meeting.

Chairperson Sagall thanked the people who have written letters to the Gloucester Daily Times on the issue.

KEEPING OF FOWL-

Mr. Schenk stated that there is nothing new to report on "Keeping of Fowl".

MONTHLY REPORTS

Presented by Noreen Burke and Max Schenk

ABUTTER NOTIFICATIONS - *Mr. Schenk* reported that the time for abutter notifications is mandated by the State, which is ten days. He stated that the board had previously discussed a time of seventy-two hours for material submission. The board agreed to set a seventy-two hour window that they may not review materials prior to a Board of Health meeting.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT FEES - *Mr. Schenk* reported that he met with the City's administration regarding the fees set forth by the Health Department. He stated that he looked at surrounding communities and they are pretty much in line with the other communities.

TRAINING MATRIX- *Mr. Schenk* reported that he is putting together a training matrix for inspectional services staff. He stated that the matrix will keep track of certifications.

ANNUAL REPORT - *Mr. Schenk* reported that he is still receiving information for the annual report and thanked Steve Winslow for providing information on Mass in Motion Cape Ann.

STAFFING UPDATES- *Ms. Burke* reported that they have a new Public Health Nurse, Kelley Ries, who will start on March 23, 2015. She stated that Pam Ciccone, the Public Health Nurse from Manchester, has been helping them out during the transition. She thanked Ms. Ciccone for all her assistance. She stated that Joan Whitney has been working twenty hours a week from home and they are hoping she is coming back full-time soon. She stated that they are reviewing resumes for the coordinator position. She stated that the PHEP transition is moving along with the new hire, Kate Kokko.

GRANTS- *Ms. Burke* reported that they submitted the Underage Drinking regional grant in January. She stated that they also submitted the Drug Free Communities Renewal grant as well. She stated that both grants are core funded for the Healthy Gloucester Collaborative.

TOBACCO PURCHASE AGE- *Ms. Burke* reported that she continues to receive calls from Dr. Lester Hartman, from Children's Hospital and Harvard School of Public Health regarding the increase of the tobacco purchase age to 21. She stated that approximately 40 communities in Massachusetts have increased the age, with two of those communities in the North Shore area. She stated that they should continue to study the issue and not make any decisions at this time.

NORTH SHORE HEALTH PROJECT- *Ms. Burke* gave a shout out to the North Shore Health Project and the new director. She stated that they reinstated Hepatitis C testing on the fourth Tuesday of every month.

CERTIFICATION FOR BOARD MEMBERS *Ms. Burke* stated that there are certifications available for board members on November 7 and 14, 2015 in Taunton and Marlborough.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD - *Ms. Burke* reported that Kelly Hurd, a youth that spoke in front of the board regarding tobacco use in youths, received the 2015 Youth Leadership Award.

CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS

DATABASE- *Chairperson Sagal* asked how permitting database was moving along. *Mr. Schenk* stated that he heard it is supposed to be implemented sometime in March.

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETINGS- *Ms. Burke* stated that the next Board of Health Meeting will be on April 2nd, 2015.

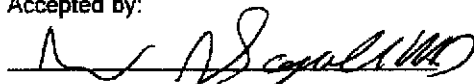
MOTION by Mr. Rosa to adjourn.
Seconded by Mr. Harris. **CARRIED.**
MEETING ADJOURNED – 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Bobbi Orlando

Accepted by:



Richard Sagal, Chairperson