

**CITY OF GLOUCESTER  
Board of Health  
Minutes of the Meeting  
November 7, 2019  
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: Assistant Director: Max Schenk. Absent: Health Director: Karin Carroll; and Vice–Chairperson: Robert Harris.

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 Communication”.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Ms. Schweitzer to approve the Gloucester Board of Health minutes of the meeting of October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 as written. **Seconded** by Mr. Rosa. **CARRIED.**

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**MOTION** by Mr. Cowan to approve the Gloucester Board of Health Septic Review Subcommittee minutes of the meeting of October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 as written. **Seconded** by Mr. Rosa. **CARRIED.**

*Mr. Cowan* read the following report from the Septic Review Subcommittee Report:

“At its meeting of October 3, 2019 the Septic Review Sub-Committee reviewed and approved variances for the following septic system upgrade projects:

- 113 Wingersheek Road (261/34)
- 81 Dolliver Neck Road (201/136)
- 49 Wingersheek Road (258/05)
- 11 Old Salem Path (190/49)”

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no “New Business”.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **UPDATE: 159 East Main Street Noise Complaint and Sound Re-test Requirement From July 11, 2019-**

*Nick Osgood*, managing partner of NSDJ Real Estate LLC and president of Atlantic Fish and Seafood at 159 East Main Street appeared before the board. He stated that at the request of the board they did another sound measurement on October 9 and October 29 and in each test they came up at 53 decibels, which is 3 db over the acceptable level. He asked for an 18 month extension to work with the engineers and raise funds for the project since it could cost \$50,00 to \$70,000. Mr. Osgood identified two of the cooling fans as being older and likely contributors to elevated noise levels. He stated they may be replaced rather than retrofitted. He stated their sound engineering consultants stated installing new baffles could lower ambient sound levels 10 db.

*Mr. Schenk* stated that the Building Department is on board with the plan.

The board agreed that 18 months was too long of a period of time and would like an update at the next Board of Health meeting.

*Ms. Schweitzer* asked if the neighbors were notified. *Mr. Schenk* responded that it was posted on the agenda but they did not send separate notifications to abutters.

The board continued the agenda item until the December 5, 2019 Board of Health meeting.

#### **UPDATE: Sandpiper Bakery, 65 Middle Street, RE: Department order dated April 18, 2019-**

*Mr. Schenk* stated that the work was completed on the ventilation hood at the Sandpiper Bakery and they have not heard of any complaints.

### **MONTHLY REPORTS**

Presented by Max Schenk

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

#### **[October Monthly Report](#)**

*Mr. Schenk* stated that Lee O’Leary in the Health Department has been researching short-term rental properties that need a certificate of rental dwelling regulation. He stated that Ms. O’Leary found approximately 150 short-term rental dwellings in Gloucester. He stated that they have sent out 125 letters to those properties and have started inspecting them. He thanked Ms. O’Leary for her work. *Mr. Cowan* asked if the letter mentioned on site sewer systems and the

limitations of such systems. *Mr. Schenk* stated that they did not but they will consider adding it to the FAQ sheet.

*Chairperson Sagall* asked what type of complaints they typically get at the Health Department. *Mr. Schenk* responded that many of them are housing complaints such as mold or rodents. The board asked if *Mr. Schenk* could add data that contained how many complaints they took action on. *Mr. Schenk* responded that they could do that.

*Ms. Schweitzer* stated that they had a Dental Center Advisory Committee meeting and Jim Destino attended. She stated that the meeting went very well. She stated that they discussed the Dental Center's balance sheet in depth and having the Dental Center be run under the Family Health Center. *Mr. Cowan* stated that their open concept waiting room would be problematic since children go to the Dental Center without an adult during school hours.

*Mr. Schenk* stated that the septic systems at Cedarwood Road and Finley Road that needed to be upgraded are moving forward. *Mr. Cowan* proposed that when and where possible, septic tanks could be ordered converted to holding tanks to abate further pollution. *Mr. Cowan* stated that to that end he would like a function check report of all the properties for the next Septic Review Subcommittee meeting.

*Mr. Schenk* stated that they received a complaint regarding the owner of an RV trailer on Massasoit Road who installed a tight tank and a water source without permits. He stated that they did a site visit and the owner needs to pull everything out of the property.

*Mr. Schenk* stated that they now have three candidates for the RDNA Safety committee. He thanked *Ms. Schweitzer* for volunteering.

### **CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Next Regular Monthly Meeting Board of Health- The next Board of Health monthly meeting will be on December 5, 2019 at the CATA Training Room at 5:30 p.m.

**MOTION** by *Mr. Cowan* to adjourn.  
Seconded by *Ms. Schweitzer*. **CARRIED.**  
MEETING ADJOURNED – 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Bobbi Orlando

Accepted by:

Richard Sagall, Chairperson

Documents Referenced:

November 7, 2019 Board of Health Agenda

October 3, 2019 Board of Health Minutes

October 3, 2019 Board of Health SRS Minutes

October 3, 2019 SRS Report

October 2019 Monthly Department Reports