

**CITY OF GLOUCESTER
Board of Health
Minutes of the Meeting
March 2, 2017
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 Sanitarian: Thorsen Ackerley. Absent: Vice-Chairperson: Robert Harris

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PUBLIC ORAL COMMUNICATION

There was no "Public Oral Communication".

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Mr. Rosa to approve the Gloucester Board of Health minutes of the meeting of February 2nd, 2017 as written. **Seconded** by Ms. Schweitzer. **CARRIED.**

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no "Standing Committee Reports".

NEW BUSINESS

105 Wingersheek Road - Map 261, Lot 31 (Property owner: Craig Hawley -
Represented by John Judd, Gateway Consultants-

Request for variance from 310 CMR 15.211 (1) in order to upgrade from an existing cesspool where the proposed field and septic tank are within a coastal resource (dune) area.

John Judd, Engineer for Gateway Consultants appeared before the board. He gave a brief overview of the variance request for 105 Wingersheek Road. He stated that there is an existing 5 bedroom cottage that the owner wants to take down and reconstruct a new structure. He stated that the number of bedrooms will not change in the new structure.

Thorsen Ackerley stated that the proposal is a major environmental and public health improvement.

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. Cowan that the Gloucester Board of Health approve the requested variance for 105 Wingersheek Road as written in the agenda of March 2, 2017. **Seconded** by Mr. Rosa. **CARRIED.**

10 Totten Lane - Map 252, Lot 2 (Property owners: Crocker and Janice Snow - Represented by Christopher Rokos, Meridian Associates) -

Request for variance from Gloucester's Onsite Wastewater regulations (Section 9, Table 1) to allow a tight tank to be installed 45 feet from a coastal resource area.

There was no one present for 10 Totten Lane.

Mr. Cowan stated that the requested variance is improperly drafted. He recommended that the applicant withdraw the application and redraft.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on 1 Pilot's Hill Condemnation Order-

Ms. Carroll stated that there is no update on 1 Pilot's Hill Road. She stated that Mr. Aro is still moving along with the board's requests.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Presented by Karin Carroll

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

Monthly Report

Ms. Carroll gave board members a draft copy of the Annual Report. She commended Max Schenk for his role in preparing the report. She asked board members to provide some feedback once they had a chance to view the report. The board commended Ms. Carroll for the Mayor's comments at the State of the City Address.

Ms. Carroll stated that the pilot program, Our Space is going very well. She stated that Our Space is a service component of The Grace Center provided by Healthy Gloucester Collaborative where people in recovery can go during the day for services.

Ms. Carroll stated that some of the Health Department staff are at the Open Door volunteering tonight in lieu of their holiday party and the rest of the staff will be going later in the month. She thanked board members on behalf of the staff for the gathering they held for them last month.

Ms. Carroll asked board members if they would like a brief case study presented at the Board of Health meetings each month. The board agreed that that is a good idea and would be beneficial if staff members felt comfortable doing that.

Mr. Cowan asked if 19 Maplewood Avenue had sufficient fire egresses in place. *Ms. Carroll* responded that the dwelling does have a fire ladder in place. She stated that they will check in to confirm that progress is still moving forward.

CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS

Harm Reduction Center- *Chairperson Sagall* stated that he went to the Harm Reduction Center yesterday with Cara Slate. He stated that so far they have had no business. He stated that Ms. Slate volunteered to give a presentation to board members. The board agreed to have Ms. Slate give a presentation on the Harm Reduction Program at a Board of Health meeting.

Department Gathering- *Chairperson Sagall* thanked Ms. Schweitzer for putting the event together. The board also thanked Mr. Rosa for hosting.

Next Regular Monthly Meeting Board of Health- The next Board of Health monthly meeting will be on April 6, 2017 at the CATA Training Room at 5:30 p.m.

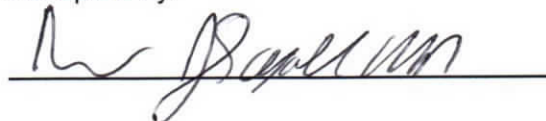
MOTION by Mr. Rosa to adjourn.
Seconded by Mr. Cowan. **CARRIED.**
MEETING ADJOURNED – 5:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Bobbi Orlando

Accepted by:



Richard Sagall, Chairperson

Documents Referenced:

March 2, 2017 Board of Health Agenda
February 2, 2017 Board of Health Minutes
March 2017 Monthly Department Reports
Annual Report 2016