

**CITY OF GLOUCESTER
Board of Health
Minutes of the Meeting
May 4, 2017
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; and Public Health Sanitarian: Thorsen Akerley. Absent: Frederick Cowan and Claudia Schweitzer.

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PUBLIC ORAL COMMUNICATION

There was no “Public Oral Communication”.

Mr. Schenk stated that Larry Durkin was expected to speak at the tonight but was unable to make it to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Gloucester Board of Health continued the approval of minutes for the April 25, 2017 meeting until the June meeting.

MOTION by Mr. Harris to approve the Gloucester Board of Health Septic Review Subcommittee minutes of the meeting of March 21st, 2017 as written. **Seconded** by Mr. Rosa. **CARRIED.**

MOTION by Mr. Rosa to approve the Gloucester Board of Health Septic Review Subcommittee minutes of the meeting of April 25th, 2017 as written. **Seconded** by Mr. Harris. **CARRIED.**

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Septic Review Subcommittee**

10 Totten Lane (Map 252, Lot 2) -

Property owned by Crocker Snow and represented by Meridian Associates-

Request for approval to use a tight tank and variance to Gloucester's Onsite Wastewater regulations (Table 1 #6) to allow a tight tank to be installed within 100 feet of a coastal resource area (44 feet provided).

Mr. Harris stated that at the meeting of April 25th, 2017 the Septic Review Subcommittee voted 3-0 in favor, none opposed for the approval of a tight tank at 10 Totten Lane.

Chairperson Sagall asked if there was anyone in the audience that would like to speak for or against the request at 10 Totten Lane. There was no one.

MOTION by Mr. Harris to approve the request for approval to use a tight tank and variance for 10 Totten Lane as written on on agenda of May 4, 2017. **Seconded** by Mr. Rosa. **CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS

86 Eastern Point Boulevard (Map 136, Lot 15) -

Property owned by Stephen and Dicsee Bridges, and represented by Dan Johnson, Domestic Septic Design

To discuss an alternative design standard approval to reduce the separation between the bottom of the soil absorption system and estimated seasonally high groundwater from 5 feet to 3 feet (Standard Conditions for Secondary Treatment Units, Design and Installation requirements, II, 5, b).

Dan Johnson of Domestic Septic Design appeared before the board on behalf of the owner. He gave a brief overview of the proposed alternative design to replace a failing system.

Thorsen Akerley stated that this proposed design is a big improvement on what is currently at the site and with the use of the advanced Presby system it is equivalent to a fully compliant septic system.

Chairperson Sagall asked if there was anyone in the audience that would like to speak for or against the request at 10 Totten Lane. There was no one.

MOTION by Mr. Rosa to approve the request for an alternative design for 86 Eastern Point Boulevard to replace a failed system as written on on agenda of May 4, 2017. **Seconded** by Mr. Harris. **CARRIED.**

Healthy Gloucester Collaborative Presentation on Youth-Developed Public Service Announcement -

Christina Hildebrand of the Advisor for the Gloucester Youth Council and with the Healthy Gloucester Collaborative appeared before the board. She thanked board members for allowing the Gloucester Youth Council to share their presentation tonight. She stated that the Council will share their new PSA that they created and discuss the importance of parents talking to kids about substance misuse.

The Gloucester Youth Council members present: *Soo Ae Ono, Ben St. Cyr, Kevin Nolan, Taylor Laurensen, Caroline Enos, and Erica Nolan.*

Soo Ae Ono stated that the Gloucester Youth Council is a coalition that brings awareness about substance abuse among teenagers and stress to teens about making healthy decisions.

The Council showed their PSA to board members and stated that the goal of the PSA is to give

adults the confidence and the tools to start discussions with youths in their lives about the dangers of drugs and alcohol. The Council also discussed the dangers of flavored tobacco products and they would like to see the ban of all tobacco products from Gloucester.

The board thanked the Gloucester Youth Council for their presentation.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on 1 Pilot's Hill Condemnation Order-

Mr. Schenk stated that the condemnation order remains in place and everything is going well and moving forward. He stated that National Grid should be there in the next couple weeks to install the gas line.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Presented by Karin Carroll and Max Schenk

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

[May 2017 Department Report](#)

Ms. Carroll stated the Mayor put through a level-funded budget for Health Department at the City Council meeting last week.

Ms. Carroll stated that the Recreational Marijuana Stakeholder Forum at the Beauport Hotel went very well last week. She stated that the forum focused on what the law says and what cities and towns can or cannot do.

Ms. Carroll stated that the Workplace Wellness Committee is continuing to meet to get some policies through on behalf of the City. The board discussed the role of the Workplace Wellness Committee.

Ms. Carroll stated that the noise complaint at Americold continues. She stated that Americold had a study done that showed that the amount of noise produced by the facility is not in violation of the City ordinance. The City will have an independent reviewer look at the noise as well.

Ms. Carroll stated that they did receive some sheltering items for seniors and for Action Shelter if they need to open up and extend their hours in the winter.

Ms. Carroll stated that Joan Whitney has established an advisory committee of which Mr. Rosa and herself are members. She stated that this advisory board was created to look at regional public health grants and issues within the new DPH regional structure. She stated that she spoke to the Mayor around regionalization as well.

CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS

Next Regular Monthly Meeting Board of Health- The next Board of Health monthly meeting will be on June 1, 2017 at the CATA Training Room at 5:30 p.m. *Mr. Harris* stated that he cannot attend the June meeting. Ms. Schweitzer will not be at the June 1, 2017 meeting.

MOTION by Ms. Harris to adjourn.
Seconded by Mr. Rosa. **CARRIED.**
MEETING ADJOURNED – 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbi Orlando

Accepted by:

Richard Sagall, Chairperson

Documents Referenced:

May 4, 2017 Board of Health Agenda

April 6, 2017 Board of Health Minutes

May 2017 Monthly Department Reports

March 21, 2017 Septic Subcommittee Minutes

April 25, 2017 Septic Subcommittee Minutes