

**CITY OF GLOUCESTER
Board of Health
Minutes of the Meeting
September 7, 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; Frederick Cowan; Joe Rosa, and Claudia Schweitzer. Present from the Health Department: Health Director: Karin Carroll; Assistant Director: Max Schenk.

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PUBLIC ORAL COMMUNICATION

There was no “Public Oral Communication”.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Mr. Cowan to approve the Gloucester Board of Health minutes of the meeting of August 3rd, 2017 as written. **Seconded** by Mr. Rosa. **CARRIED**. Ms. Schweitzer **abstained**.

The board tabled the approval of the Septic Review Subcommittee meeting minutes of August 31, 2017 until the October 5th, 2017 Board of Health meeting.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Septic Review Subcommittee Report for July 19, 2017-

The board tabled the Septic Review Subcommittee Report for August 31, 2017 until the October 5th, 2017 Board of Health meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Remembrance of Mary Miles Morser (former Board of Health member)-

Mr. Cowan stated that Mary Miles Morser was a remarkable person and often ahead of her time. He referred members to her obituary published in the Gloucester Daily Times. He stated that Ms. Morser’s position on the Board of Health as a member and when she was Chairperson was more focused on public health rather than the waste water management aspect which was

unlike most board members at that time. He stated that Ms. Morser recognized early the perils of tobacco and was a champion of the Board of Health in a quiet dignified manner.

OLD BUSINESS

Continuation of Discussion Regarding Potential Changes to Board of Health Regulation Restricting the Sale of Tobacco Delivery Products and Nicotine Delivery Products, to Include Flavored Tobacco Products -

Joyce Redford of the North Shore Tobacco Control Program appeared before the board. She gave board members data on nicotine delivery products and flavored tobacco. She stated that the State collects \$882,000,000 in tobacco taxes a year, however the expenditure in health care associated with tobacco use is \$4,000,000,000. She gave the board a sample language to prohibit the sale of flavored liquid nicotine. She stated that the proposed amendment would not affect any rolling papers. She stated that other cities that are banning flavored liquid nicotine include Beverly, Salem, Saugus, Marblehead, Hamilton, and Essex.

The board discussed the statistics around nicotine delivery products and flavored tobacco products. *Ms. Redford* stated that one option is that these products could only be sold at adult only establishments. She stated that if stores are adult only they cannot sell lottery, alcohol, or have a food service permit. She stated that flavored products are starter products for kids and in Essex 40% of middle school students had vaped at least once within the last 30 days.

Mr. Cowan stated that he would vote against a regulation that would remove it entirely from the City.

Ms. Redford stated that the Tobacco Grant ends on June 30, 2018. She stated that there is a Request for Response (RFR) to try to retain the grant. The Health Department will draft a letter addressing the importance of the grant and their continued enrollment in the collaborative community of the Tobacco Control Program.

The board thanked Ms. Redford and decided to discuss the issue at the next meeting.

Update on 1 Pilot's Hill Condemnation Order-

Mr. Schenk stated that the condemnation order remains in place but Mr. Aro developed an ailment that has caused a setback. He stated that there has been no further action at the property and because the heat has still not been hooked up, the house will be boarded up for the winter to prohibit Mr. Aro from residing there. He stated that eventually the City will put a lien on the house if Mr. Aro does not show any progress towards the condemnation order. He stated that they will continue to monitor the condemnation order.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Presented by Karin Carroll and Max Schenk

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

September Monthly Report

Ms. Carroll stated that she included two letters to Joan Senos, the City Clerk, in the Monthly Report to Board members. The letters discuss the Health Department’s role in two new ordinances that the City is proposing regarding eliminating foam containers and plastic bags in the City of Gloucester. The board agreed that the letters looked good and after the dates have been adjusted they can be sent to Ms. Senos.

Ms. Carroll stated that there was a nice write up in the newspaper on the Sun Safety Day that Kelley Ries was responsible for.

Ms. Carroll stated that there was a great presence at the Ward meetings on Marijuana’s Regulation and it was nice to hear the public’s feedback.

Ms. Carroll stated that Mr. Schenk wrote a great article on bats that was in the newspaper.

Ms. Carroll stated that Lee O’Leary, the administrative assistant has been doing an excellent job at updated the social media sites for the Health Department.

CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS

Eclipse- *Mr. Cowan* asked if the Health Department was involved in eye protection safety for the eclipse. *Mr. Schenk* responded that he did a radio interview with Rick Moore to promote safe eye protection for viewing the eclipse.

Unregistered Apartments- *Mr. Cowan* asked if there was a formal process for notifying the Health Department when a property owner reveals a previously unregistered apartment or dwelling unit. *Mr. Schenk* responded that he is not sure but the City’s permitting system could be utilized for that process. *Mr. Schenk* stated that he will do a summary on the issue for the next meeting.

School Folders- *Mr. Harris* stated that the school folders would be a good resource for the Public Health Nurse to distribute information to families. *Mr. Schenk* stated that Ms. Ries utilizes that resource.

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

MOTION by Mr. Cowan to adjourn.
Seconded by Mr. Rosa. **CARRIED.**
MEETING ADJOURNED – 6:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbi Orlando

Accepted by:

Richard Sagall, Chairperson

Documents Referenced:

September 7, 2017 Board of Health Agenda
August 3, 2017 Board of Health Minutes
August 31, 2017 Board of Health SRC Minutes
September 2017 Monthly Department Reports