

MARBLEHEAD BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES, September 7, 2022

Present: Chm. Todd Belfbecker, Helaine Hazlett, Joanne Miller, Andrew Petty, Director
Also Present: Jerry Smith, John Albright, Becky Cutting, Kathryn Breslin

Hybrid Meeting -Web-based video conferencing meeting of the Board of Health and Transfer Station Facility Committee via Zoom.

Meeting called to order at 1:00 pm. The following roll call was taken: Ms. Helaine Hazlett, present; Ms. Joanne Miller, present; Dr. Todd Belfbecker, present.

MOTION to adjourn the Board of Health meeting at the conclusion of the Transfer Station Facility Committee meeting. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Ms. Joanne Miller, in favor; Ms. Helaine Hazlett, in favor; Dr. Todd Belfbecker, in favor.

Andrew reviewed portions of the traffic study completed by VHB. “The proposed circulation plan calls for the Green Street driveway to be open to entering residential and commercial users and maintain the existing container truck access and egress. Under the new plan, the Woodfin Terrace driveway will be used by existing residential and commercial users. No vehicles will enter the site from Woodfin Terrace driveway”.

Andrew showed on an enlarged site plan how the flow of traffic will improve vehicular safety and eliminate queue spillbacks onto Beacon Street by moving the entrance away from Woodfin Terrace to Green Street. The site will provide room for up to 25-30 vehicles of on-site queuing for the time periods when vehicles must wait for the gates to open. The queue that will be available will minimize the potential for long queues to spill back on to Green Street. Commercial weigh scale activity represents 5-6% of the total activity and will be accommodated entirely on the site as a result of the proposed circulation changes.

Joanne voiced some concerns about the safety of vehicles when entering and existing the facility. She met with neighbors who voiced their concerns by possibly staying away from the access road.

Becky inquired about if the cap dictates where the buildings are set.

Jerry mentioned that large diesel trucks come twice a day to haul away trash. Currently, the traffic flow is slow moving and that is why the architect revised the plan.

John asked about installing a fence to block noise. This will be reviewed to see if it is feasible.

Kathy asked about enforcement of idling. The proper signage would be posted. Helaine stated the Board of Health instituted a no idling rule before it was a state law.

VHB will give a presentation to the Planning Board and also have their own traffic engineers make recommendations.

The Board of Health has the final decision on all recommendations made by the committee.

Andrew opened up the meeting to public comment:

Richard Fosler addressed the committee with questions related to 4:30 am deliveries to the transfer station and haulers entering in on Green Street and exiting Woodfin Terrace.

Allen Waller addressed the committee about having to go before the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board.

Todd left the meeting at 2:15pm.

MOTION to recommend to the Board of Health Option A for the transfer station with options to mitigate where necessary. Motion passes. John, Becky, Kathryn, Andrew voted in favor. No one opposed. Joanne and Helaine abstained.

MOTION to adjourn. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 2:38 pm.

Andrea Flaxer
Senior Clerk

List of documents used:
Transfer Station – Transportation Evaluation
Transfer Station – Addendum Transportation Evaluation