

MARBLEHEAD BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES, July 12, 2022

Present: Todd Belfbecker, Helaine Hazlett, Joanne Miller, Andrew Petty, Director

Also Present: Jerry Smith (OPM), Mike Santos (VHB), Dana Weeder (Winter Street Architects) Dr. Tom Krueger (League of Women Voters)

While a hybrid meeting was scheduled (web-based video conferencing meeting of the Board of Health via zoom) it was not available due to technological problems. The meeting continued in-person and was also being recorded.

This being the first Board of Health meeting since the Marblehead Town Elections, Director Andrew Petty opened the meeting at 7:34 pm. Director Petty asked for a nomination for chairman.

Helaine read the following statement: “Although it was to be my rotation to serve as chair, it is best for a smooth transition during this unsettled time for the current chair to remain in place. I will delay my two year rotation as chair until next year, June of 2023, and nominate Dr. Todd Belfbecker to be chair for this year June 2022 to June 2023”.

Helaine Hazlett nominated Todd Belfbecker as chairman and was seconded by Joanne Miller.

MOTION to reappoint Todd Belfbecker as chairman of the Board of Health. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Ms. Joanne Miller, in favor; Mrs. Helaine Hazlett, in favor; Dr. Todd Belfbecker, in favor.

Todd Belfbecker nominated Helaine Hazlett as vice-chairman and was seconded by Joanne Miller.

MOTION to reappoint Helaine Hazlett as vice-chairman of the Board of Health. This position will focus on the budgets and finances of the health and waste departments. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Ms. Joanne Miller, in favor; Mrs. Helaine Hazlett, in favor; Dr. Todd Belfbecker, in favor.

Helaine Hazlett nominated Joanne Miller as communications officer and was seconded by Todd Belfbecker.

MOTION to reappoint Joanne Miller as communications officer of the Board of Health. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mrs. Helaine Hazlett, in favor; Ms. Joanne Miller, in favor; Dr. Todd Belfbecker, in favor.

MOTION to approve meeting minutes May 31, 2022 as submitted. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mrs. Helaine Hazlett, in favor; Ms. Joanne Miller, in favor; Dr. Todd Belfbecker, in favor.

MOTION to approve meeting minutes of June 15, 2022 as corrected. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Ms. Joanne Miller, in favor; Mrs. Helaine Hazlett, in favor; Dr. Todd Belfbecker, in favor.

COVID-19 Update

Andrew reported that as of July 8th the total amount of confirmed COVID-19 cases in town is 4180; 55 active cases; 10 probable cases. In the past two weeks there were 66 cases. The health department received 4000 at home COVID-19 antigen rapid test kits. The kits will be distributed to residents, churches, town facilities, camps, restaurants, yacht clubs and any organization that requests them. They are

available for pickup at the health department and the council on aging. The tests expire in October with a valid sticker attached from iHealth labs. PCR testing sites are still available by going to the state website mass.gov to find a location. Weekly data charts and graphs have stopped for the time being on the town website. The numbers reported are confirmed by PCR sites and physician's offices which are then recorded into the state's MAVEN program. Andrew stressed there are likely more positive cases because of at home testing.

Transfer Station Update

Mike Santos of the engineering firm VHB came before the Board to make a power point presentation on his firm's traffic study. The presentation was a draft on proposed upgrades and access / circulation improvements. The study was performed on the days of May 19th through May 21st. This included all traffic coming off Beacon Street, Green Street and West Shore Drive. Also, transfer station scale slips were used to determine the volumes of compactor use.

The proposal was to have all transfer station traffic both residential and commercial enter from the Green Street access. This would allow for possible queuing further into the site of 750 feet - this could accommodate up to 25-30 cars; at peak times there are only 11-12 vehicles. The access road is 20 feet wide and could handle the one-way flow of traffic. The exit for all vehicles would be onto Beacon Street. The total number of vehicles using the transfer station on weekdays is 1,100; Saturdays, 1,400. For the peak hours it is 180 on weekdays, 280 on Saturday. The traffic travelling west on Beacon Street and south on Green Street no changes would take place. The traffic entering the site would be 60% from Beacon Street and 30% from Green Street.

A finalized study will be available in a couple of weeks. The Board thanked VHB for the in-depth study provided.

MOTION to approve facility sticker rebate of Matthew Harrington of 27 Arthur Avenue in the amount of \$55.00. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mrs. Helaine Hazlett, in favor; Ms. Joanne Miller, in favor; Dr. Todd Belfbecker, in favor.

Director's Report

- Gashouse Beach and Grace Oliver's Beach have had high contamination readings. This could be a result of prevailing winds, sewage. Other town departments are working on this to help make a determination.
- JRM was bought by Republic Services. This will not affect curbside collection as the contract is valid for four more years.

Todd opened the meeting to public comment. The following citizens offered comments:

Louis Meyi – 16 Sheldon Road
Tom McMahon – 1 Gregory Street

Upcoming meetings – August 16th and September 13th

MOTION to close meeting. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mrs. Helaine Hazlett, in favor; Ms. Joanne Miller, in favor; Dr. Todd Belfbecker, in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm.

Andrea Flaxer

Senior Clerk

List of documents used:

Traffic Study Power Point Presentation - Transfer Station

Letter – 27 Arthur Avenue