

MARBLEHEAD BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES, March 1, 2022

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

Also Present: Jerry Smith, (OPM), Dana Weeder, (Winter Street Architects), Dr. Tom Krueger (League of Women Voters), 107

Web-based video conferencing community forum of the Board of Health via Zoom.

Forum called to order at 7:00 pm. The following roll call was taken: Ms. Helaine Hazlett, present; Ms. Joanne Miller, present; Dr. Todd Belfbecker, present.

Transfer Station Community Forum

Andrew opened the meeting with the statement that this is a transfer station community forum, and the purpose was to gather input from the community not to discuss how things were done. He then outlined the agenda - introduction, the project, Option A, Option B, and Q&A. A PowerPoint presentation then followed. Here is a brief history about the transfer station:

- 1930-1956 there was an open pit burning of trash and refuse which was buried on site.
- 1957-1976 there was a solid waste incinerator on site and ash along with toxic material was buried on site.
- 1978-2000 In 1975, due to the Federal Clean Air Act of 1970 the town closed the incinerator and converted the operations into a transfer station
- 2001-2010 MA DEP ordered the solid waste to be remove and the site capped to prevent further dispersal of toxic waste
- 2004 The town signed an order with MADEP to cap the site with \$2000/day fine if not done.
- 2011 a Marblehead override for \$15.1M was passed and appropriated for the cap and new transfer station
- 2011-2013 studies were performed to determine the scope of the clean-up work.
- 2013 a subsequent appropriation of \$1.3M was obtained for the clean up on 151 Green Street.
- 2014 4 bids were obtained with costs ranging from \$17.7M-19.3M.
- Winter Street Architects, were hired and to redesign the project that still met the needs and saved \$3.6M
- July 2014 clean-up work began.
- September 2018 a conditional approval by MADEP for the clean-up and cap were completed.

Andrew then conducted an online poll-questionnaire of the attendees at this forum with the following results: 88% own their homes; 80% were single residences; average age of attendees 46-60; 47% were residents with only 2 people living there; most were concerned with residential and not commercial interests; trips to the transfer station - 40% 1/week, 34% 1/month, 16% occasional; types of disposal - 63% residential, 31% yard waste; concerns for the transfer station - 52% traffic flow, 11% commercial, and 32% resident drop off. He then gave the parameters of the transfer station space: 13.5 acres for the cap, 7.5 acres of grass, 6 acres of pavement, with 130 trees and 330 shrubs planted.

Dana Weeder, of Winter Street Architects used slides and building graphic projections to outline what Option A and Option B were for the redesign of the transfer station. Option A has the egress from Beacon Street. It has an entirely new structure with the front for residential use and the rear for commercial. The refuse is placed directly into trailers below the residential and commercial drop off areas. This building cannot be at another location because of drainage and utilities issues. He went on further to discuss a new swap shed, new scale house building, and a staff area building which would include a shower, lockers, etc. Cost \$6.275 M. Option B is a more modest proposal. The pit would remain in the same location and would

have new siding and roof. A new scale house and staffing areas, as well as, a new swap shed would be built. Another major difference with Option B is the traffic flow: egress would be from Green Street and egress onto Beacon Street. A stickerless system could be installed where an optical reader identifies license plates.

Todd opened the forum to the question and answer period. The following citizens spoke:

David Lieberman – 5 Arnold Terrace
Jimmy Zisson – 2 Mound Road
Lori McHugh – 26 Peach Highlands
Deb Payson – 20 Arnold Terrace
Terri Tauro – 113 Jersey Street
Jason Grazado – 115 Elm Street
James Full – 21 Cheever Avenue
Jeanne Lambkin – 19 Devereux Street
Tom Day – 20 Stony Brook Road
Bill Duvel – 19 Longview Drive
Jack Attridge – 67 Beach Street
Paul Manley – 14 Arnold Terrace
Dedor Danuta – 78 Kenneth Road

Helaine firmly stated that the Board did not speak disparagingly about anyone employed for this job.

At the conclusion of the forum, Andrew conducted another online poll asking which option was preferred and whether or not one would vote for an override. The results were 59% preferred Option B and 51% would vote for an override.

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

Transfer Station Community Forum adjourned at 8:57pm.

Andrea Flaxer
Senior Clerk

List of documents used:

Transfer Station- Option A, Option B – Power Point