

MARBLEHEAD BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES, May 9, 2022

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

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

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm. The following roll call was taken: Ms. Helaine Hazlett, present; Ms. Joanne Miller, present; Dr. Todd Belfbecker, present.

MOTION to delegate the response to the Open meeting Law complaints filed by Allen Waller on 3/26/22 and 4/25/22 to town counsel. 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 amended meeting minutes of October 12, 2021. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Ms. Joanne Miller, in favor; Mrs. Helaine Hazlett, in favor; Dr. Todd Belfbecker, in favor.

MOTION to approve amended meeting minutes of November 15, 2021. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Ms. Joanne Miller, in favor; Mrs. Helaine Hazlett, in favor; Dr. Todd Belfbecker, in favor.

MOTION to approve amended meeting minutes of December 13, 2021. 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 amended meeting minutes of December 14, 2021. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Ms. Joanne Miller, in favor; Mrs. Helaine Hazlett, in favor; Dr. Todd Belfbecker, in favor.

MOTION to approve amended meeting minutes of December 27, 2021. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Ms. Joanne Miller, in favor; Mrs. Helaine Hazlett, in favor; Dr. Todd Belfbecker, in favor.

MOTION to approve amended meeting minutes of December 29, 2021. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Ms. Joanne Miller, in favor; Mrs. Helaine Hazlett, in favor; Dr. Todd Belfbecker, in favor.

MOTION to approve amended meeting minutes of January 11, 2022. 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 January 18, 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 executive session meeting minutes of January 18, 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.

Fowl Permit Application Process

Andrew read aloud the rules and regulations compiled for keeping fowl according to GML 16 / Chapter C. The Board reviewed some of the language and decided to hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 31st.

Yael Magen, Esq. for the Joyce family of 17 Haley Road stated she was pleased with process that is being reviewed by the Board. Brian Joyce and Danelle Joyce both spoke in support of the proposed process for obtaining fowl.

Andrew reported that as of May 6th the total amount of COVID-19 cases are 3369. There are 115 positive cases at this time and 18 probable cases. This information is provided to the health department from the computer program of Maven. The total amount of tests given is 1507. COVID-19 will continue to be monitored but once the state stops reporting the health department will also stop. It is hopeful that the pandemic will turn into an endemic response.

Transfer Station Update

Andrew discussed with the Board that the engineering firm of VHB from Worcester, MA will be conducting the traffic study. The pit structure around the compactor will be replaced. The compactor will need to be replaced at some point. They generally last for about 50 years. The maintenance on the compactor is ongoing.

MOTION to approve VHB engineering firm of Worcester, MA to conduct the traffic study in the amount of \$13,700.00 and have the director sign the contract. The study should be completed in 4-6 weeks. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mrs. Helaine Hazlett, in favor; Ms. Joanne Miller, in favor; Dr. Todd Belfbecker, in favor.

A discussion took place to form an advisory committee for the completion of the transfer station. The committee would consist of: board of health members, OPM, town planner, building commissioner, public health director, finance committee member, recycle committee member, Sustainable Marblehead member.

MOTION to appoint the advisory committee for the completion of the transfer station. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mrs. Helaine Hazlett, in favor; Ms. Joanne Miller, in favor; Dr. Todd Belfbecker, in favor.

Joanne gave an update on the Marblehead Mental Health Task Force. The Cinco de Mayo event was very successful. The event was held at the COA and there were 85 people in attendance and 35 people live streaming the event. A panel discussion followed with the focus on elder care and mental health. A fall event is being planned with the Nan Project group. The Nan Project work to promote mental health awareness and suicide prevention programs for young people, using a peer-to-peer model. The next meeting is scheduled for next week.

MOTION to refund \$55.00 to the Elder family at 41 Jersey Street for a second facility sticker purchase. 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

- Household hazardous waste curbside collection will take place on June 15th.
- Select Board has agreed to outdoor dining for the season.
- Beach testing will begin in June and go through Labor Day.
- The following weeks are scheduled for curbside grass and leaf pickup: 4/25, 5/16, 6/6.

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 9:23 pm.

Andrea Flaxer
Senior Clerk

List of documents used:

Fowl Permit – Rules and Regulations

Letter – Elder family