

# MARBLEHEAD BOARD OF HEALTH

## MINUTES, September 28, 2022

Present: Chm. Todd Belfbecker, Helaine Hazlett, Joanne Miller, Andrew Petty, Director  
Also Present: Jerry Smith, Dr. Tom Krueger (LWV)

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

Meeting called to order at 8:00 pm. The following roll call was taken: Ms. Joanne Miller, present; Ms. Helaine Hazlett, present; Dr. Todd Belfbecker, present.

**MOTION** to approve meeting minutes of July 12, 2022 as submitted. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Ms. Helaine Hazlett, in favor; Ms. Joanne Miller, in favor; Dr. Todd Belfbecker, in favor.

**MOTION** to approve meeting minutes of August 11, 2022 as submitted. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Ms. Joanne Miller, in favor; Ms. Helaine Hazlett, in favor; Dr. Todd Belfbecker, in favor.

**MOTION** to approve meeting minutes of August 24, 2022 as submitted. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Ms. Joanne Miller, in favor; Ms. Helaine Hazlett, in favor; Dr. Todd Belfbecker, in favor.

**MOTION** to approve meeting minutes of September 7, 2022 as submitted. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Ms. Joanne Miller, in favor; Ms. Helaine Hazlett, in favor; Dr. Todd Belfbecker, in favor.

**MOTION** to approve the facility sticker rebate of Matthew Kovar of 9 Jersey Street in the amount of \$80.00. 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 discussed with the Board that the Transfer Station Facility Committee met on September 7<sup>th</sup> and voted for Option A which states that all traffic (commercial and residential) would enter the access road off Green Street and exit on Woodfin Terrace. The vote taken was four in favor, and zero not in favor, and there were two abstentions. An internal gate would block the access road and open at 7am. This would allow queuing of vehicles on the transfer station property about 700 feet therefore no queuing would take place on the street. Residential vehicles would proceed to the right to the appropriate containers and yard waste area and commercial vehicles would proceed to the left to the scale and pit area.

Andrew reviewed some concerns of the residents on Arnold Terrace. Arborvitaes could be planted along the wall to help reduce noise. A Purple Air device was installed at the scale house so vehicle exhaust / air quality can be measured from traffic both entering and leaving the transfer station. The highest level was found to be on a Sunday as a result of cloud and atmospheric conditions. Signs stating 'No Idling' will be placed on the access road.

A brief explanation of Option B was given to the Board. Residential traffic would enter through the access road off Green Street and exit onto Woodfin Terrace. Commercial traffic would enter and exit from Woodfin Terrace. Cameras would be installed at the back of the building to monitor traffic. Also, a different placement of the scale and the staff facility building would be necessary. A call box / transaction booth would be installed to notify the scale house the incoming transactions.

Todd opened up the meeting to public comment:

Janet Maher addressed the Board about having the traffic study group available for questions and Option B would be a better choice. Also, concerned about the Coffin School property being developed and creating more traffic.

David Lieberman addressed the Board by stating excellent points have been discussed and still had concerns with queuing of each option and idling.

Herb Maher addressed the Board about commercial vehicles backing up onto the scale.

Angela Ellis stated that traffic is already heavy. She is concerned about the noise and safety of residents.

Suzanne McGrail agreed with Ms. Ellis. Commercial traffic should enter and exit from Woodfin Terrace.

Todd thanked the public for all the comments given. The Board had an in depth discussion about the pros and cons of either Option A or Option B.

**MOTION** to approve Option A for the completion of transfer station. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Ms. Joanne Miller, not in favor; Ms. Helaine Hazlett, not in favor; Dr. Todd Belfbecker, in favor.

Option A did not pass.

**MOTION** to approve Option B for the completion of transfer station. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Ms. Helaine Hazlett, in favor; Ms. Joanne Miller, in favor; Dr. Todd Belfbecker, not in favor.

Option B passes.

**MOTION** to approve the Signet contract for the installation of cameras. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Ms. Helaine Hazlett, in favor; Ms. Joanne Miller, in favor; Dr. Todd Belfbecker, in favor.

Andrew talked waste bans at the transfer station. He provided the Board a list of the materials that are currently banned. Waste ban regulations restrict the disposal, or transfer for disposal, of certain hazardous and recyclable materials at solid waste facilities in Massachusetts. The limit on construction materials is 6 cubic yards. Beginning November 1<sup>st</sup> there will be a textile ban and mattress ban. Andrew will have a policy written up and available for the next meeting.

**MOTION** to approve waste bans at transfer station effective November 1<sup>st</sup>. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Ms. Helaine Hazlett, in favor; Ms. Joanne Miller, in favor; Dr. Todd Belfbecker, in favor.

### Director's Report

- There are 19 active cases of COVID-19 as of 9/23/22. The average daily incidence is 10.8/100,000 tests taken 117,725 with 586 in the last 14 days - these are only PCR tests or those taken at physician's office, not home tests. The 586 tests taken resulted in 5.46% of being positive.
- Cyanobacteria were identified in Redd's Pond. The toxins can be deadly. After the test indicated a positive finding of cyanobacteria, the state lab returned and retested. Two consecutive tests were both negative.
- Flu clinic took place today at the COA. The employee flu clinic will take place on October 12<sup>th</sup> and is already 90% filled.

Todd opened up the meeting to public comment:

Allen Waller addressed the Board about the waste revolving fund.

Jack Attridge addressed the Board about policing stickers at the transfer station.

The next meeting will be October 11<sup>th</sup>.

**MOTION** to close 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.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Andrea Flaxer  
Senior Clerk

List of documents used:  
Letter- 9 Jersey Street  
Transfer Station – Waste Ban Materials List