

Board of Health
Meeting Minutes – August 7, 2023

Members in attendance: Chair Helaine R. Hazlett, Vice Chair Joanne Greer Miller, Tom McMahon, & Health Director Andrew Petty.

Agenda:

Helaine Hazlett stated that she conducts The Board of Health business at the meeting table, not through the press or social media. She requested that others do the same. Other than going to the transfer station on Board of Health business, Helaine does not use the transfer station or Devereaux beach, thus she does not purchase a sticker and she does not wish to be harassed again. Reiterated that all motions must go through the chair. If a member wishes an item to appear on the agenda, the request should be put in for the next meeting. The campaign is over and it's time to take care of business and govern.

Joanne Miller asked Helaine how many years of public service she had in Marblehead. First introduction was at Eveleth school, PTA President. She went on to serve as president of the Counseling Center followed by 3 terms on the School Committee. With over 40 years of service she also founded Marblehead Dollars for Scholars, the Task Force Against Discrimination and the Friends of Marblehead Public Schools.

1. Meeting Minutes July 11

Moved to be reviewed and voted on next meeting, September 12th, 2023.

2. Mental Health Task Force Update

Joanne Miller discussed the formation of a subcommittee to create a strategic plan for the next 4 years. She shared how the goals have evolved to meet the changing needs of Mental Health for their Task Force. Their next meeting will be at the end of August.

3. Transfer Station

Andrew discussed the addition of payment options for transfer station. Square will be used to do payment and invoicing for the online/credit card transactions. There will be a "Convenience Fee" added to the transactions that use credit cards or online payments. They range from \$0.30 plus (2.6 to 3.3) % of the total sale amount. The percentage charged depends on the type of transaction completed. Cash and Check options are still available for payment, and do not currently have any "Convenience Fee" for those options.

Motion: Made by Joanne Miller and Seconded by Tom McMahon to allow the usage of Square for payment processing and the inclusion of a "Convenience Fee" for use of online and credit card payments. All in favor. Motion Passed.

Andrew also discussed stickers. Question asked regarding the price of stickers for seniors. Chairman Helaine Hazlett reminded the members and residents that there is a process to apply for senior abatement. Stickers are required to be placed on all vehicles for quick identification. When they need to stop vehicles to ask them to provide stickers, traffic flow is interrupted and causes the flow of residential and commercial traffic to be affected. It is a "sticker" not a "pass", was also mentioned by Tom McMahon. He also mentioned that he had received a quote for an option to do a sticker-less system. His will be reviewed and discussed in future meetings. The cost of stickers was brought up for inspection, making sure that there is a reasonable amount of cost to coverage ratio. This will also be reviewed and discussed at future meeting(s). Increase to costs for processing and disposal of yard waste was also covered. We have been notified that the cost to us has gone up \$2.00 per cubic yard. This is due to the need to process the material after removal from the transfer station.

Andrew reviewed the Recycle Smart information as to what items are and are NOT recyclable.

There was discussion of a sorting floor which could be installed on top of the pavement in the yard waste area. This idea will be reviewed, and discussed further at future meeting(s).

The Planning Board meeting for August 8th, 2023 was discussed. The scale house, swap shed, transaction booth, and traffic flow effects will be on the docket.

Motion: Made by Tom McMahon and Seconded by Joanne Miller to examine the data and costs for the plate reader. All in favor. Motion Passed.

Motion: Made by Tom McMahon and Seconded by Joanne Miller to examine the use of a painted line for C&D limit on local trucks, to be discussed at the next meeting. 2 in Favor, 1 Opposed. Motion Passed.

4. Website

Tom McMahon asked the board to review the town website and make suggestions on layout. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

5. Director's Report

Grace Oliver beach is closed due to high geomean water quality. This may remain closed until the geomean is at acceptable levels again. MIIA Code of Conduct & Robert's Rules were given to all members and added to agenda for review and discussion at the next meeting. Marblehead Employee flu clinic will be Wednesday, October 11th, 2023 - 3 to 6p.m. High Dose 65 and older will be Tuesday, September 26th, 2023 - 9 to 11a.m. Both events will have a sign-up to attend. There are still COVID test kits available at the Health Department Office, they are good through the end of September. We are unsure if there will be another round of testing kits provided.

6. Public Comment Period

Elaine Doran – Asked about textile recycling and waste ban items. CMRK is a service currently at the transfer station for clothing, shoes, textile, toys, bikes, books, etc... Should you have a larger number of items, they offer a pickup service as well. All donations can get credited to the town general fund. Please see the CMRK bin at the transfer station for more information. Or contact FlanaganM@Marblehead.org for more information.

Steve Elliot– asked several questions regarding the transfer station: the building schedule, cost to replace the trailer, and he mentioned how poorly the employees are being treated by the residents who use the facility.

Andrew mentioned that there is a limit to your trash curbside. 2 @ 35 Gallon OR 1 @ 65 Gallon trash container(s) under 50 pounds. The workers need to lift these things and they are required by OSHA to not exceed 50lbs for safety.

Meeting Adjourned @ 9:03 p.m.

Next Meeting Tuesday September 12th, 2023 @ 7:30p.m.