

Board of Health
Meeting Minutes – July 11, 2023

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

Agenda:

1. Reorganization of Board

Tom McMahon moved to nominate Joanne Miller as Chair, there was no second- and no vote taken. Joanne Miller moved to nominate Helaine R. Hazlett as Chair.

Motion: Moved by Joanne Miller & Seconded by Helaine Hazlett to nominate Helaine R. Hazlett Chair. Vote passed. 2 In favor, 1 Opposed.

Helaine R. Hazlett moved to nominate Joanne Miller as Vice Chair.

Motion: Moved by Helaine R. Hazlett & Seconded by Tom McMahon to nominate Joanne Miller Vice Chair. Vote passed. 3 In favor.

Helaine welcomed Tom McMahon to the board of health and stated: I look forward to healthy discussion and collegiality as we address issues of maintaining and improving the health of our residents. The Board meets monthly, generally on the second Tuesday of the month. From time to time, it may be necessary to have an additional meeting. The Board is obliged by the Commonwealth to follow the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law and meetings run according to Robert's Rules. Members of the Board and the audience address the discussion through the chair. Although members may have different viewpoints on an issue, once a vote is taken the full Board adopts the decision. Even though there may be a difference of opinion, the Board will come together for the common good. Healthy and respectful discussion is always welcomed. The agenda is set by the chair and director with input from the other members of the Board. It will be available to the community at the time of posting. There is opportunity to add or change the agenda at the discretion of the chair. We want to thank members of the community for their interest and participation in the Boards business and we look forward to continuing the important work on behalf of the well-being of all the citizens of Marblehead.

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 taskforce. There will be a meeting at the Gerry 5 July 24th, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m. Kristin Bosworth, communication specialist and strategic planner, will be helping with this meeting.

3. Director's Report

Andrew covered beach testing locally as Marblehead has been low on all testing this year. He discussed how of 1100 beaches throughout the Commonwealth were tested both saltwater and freshwater, 50 beaches were closed (Under 5%). A reading over 104 will call for a closure, we have been below 63 at all locations (Devereux, Crocker, Gashouse, Grace Oliver, Stramski & Village St. Piers). If there is a closure, The Health Department posts a sign closing the beach with date and reason, also an email is sent to all members on the Health Department list with the information. The application to the planning board for Transfer Station is on schedule. Smoke and air quality have been monitored through PurpleAir devices around the area. Residents can get up to date information on Purpleair.com. This information is specific to particulate matter in the air at those times. Bobbi Cody will be retiring in the Fall; We will be looking for a new Health Inspector.

Motion: Made by Tom McMahon & Seconded by Joanne Miller to *have a goal* of replacing the trailer during the compactor replacement. Vote passed. 3 In favor.

Andrew stated Transfer Station trailer will be reviewed for replacement during construction / installation of compactor, if possible.

4. Meeting Minutes

Motion: Moved by Joanne Miller & Seconded by Helaine R. Hazlett to accept the minutes for April 11th, 2023 as received. Vote passed. 2 In favor, 1 Present.

Motion: Moved by Joanne Miller & Seconded by Helaine R. Hazlett to accept the minutes for May 9th, 2023 as received. Vote passed. 2 In favor, 1 Present.

Motion: Moved by Joanne Miller & Seconded by Helaine R. Hazlett to accept the minutes for June 13th, 2023 as received. Vote passed. 2 In favor, 1 Present.

5. Public Comment

Terri Tauro spoke and thanked the Board for considering replacing the trailer.

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:03 p.m.

Next Meeting Monday August 7, 2023 @ 7:30p.m.