

# MARBLEHEAD BOARD OF HEALTH

## MINUTES, January 10, 2023

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

Hybrid Meeting-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 approve meeting minutes of December 12, 2022 as submitted. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Ms. Helaine Hazlett, in favor; Ms. Helaine Hazlett, in favor; Dr. Todd Belfbecker, in favor.

Andrew discussed with the Board that renderings on the transfer station have been updated on the website. The final drawings and schedule will be coming soon from Dana Weeder. This will be reviewed by the Transfer Station Facility Subcommittee at their next meeting.

Joanne gave an update on the Mental Health Task Force. January 30<sup>th</sup> is the next meeting. She stated at the last meeting there was a discussion about the available ARPA funds. The four areas that the funds could be used for:

- Programs / speakers at the high school.
- Programs at the Council on Aging.
- Support to the marbleheadcares.org website.
- Partner with National Alliance of Mental Health (NAMI) which provides advocacy, education, support and public awareness so that all individuals and families affected by mental illness can build better lives.

Helaine mentioned that she met Paul Tucker who is the new Essex County district attorney. He stated that mental health is a topic he is very interested in. Joanne recently had mental health first aid training at her work. The program is designed to have a better understanding of mental health illness. A suggestion was made to bring this training to town.

### Director's Report

- This is the last week of Christmas tree collection.
- Facility stickers for 2023 are available for purchase at the transfer station or the treasurer's office. \$80.00 for the first vehicle and \$25.00 for the second vehicle at the same address.
- ACV is no longer doing household hazardous waste curbside collection. Seeking out other vendors for this event in the future.
- Annual town report is due at the end of this month.
- COVID, influenza, RSV had a slight down turn based on the waste water measurements as there are few PCR tests done at this time. The waste water measurement is regional and includes the towns of: Marblehead, Salem and Peabody. Marblehead still remains as a highly vaccinated town. The health department will soon be receiving 25,000 home antigen testing kits that will be distributed to schools, businesses, churches etc. The kits will be available to the public at the treasurer's office and the health department.

### New Business:

Helaine read aloud an article on anti-tobacco campaign for the New Year. Continued discussion at the next meeting.

Todd opened the meeting up to public comment:

Tom McMahon, Chris Kennedy of Kennedy's Company, Liam McGeown of Marblehead Movers discussed with the board the recent state wide solid waste ban ordinances. Specifically, vehicles with a capacity of less than 5 cubic yards or less are acceptable for disposing of treated and untreated wood and wood waste, construction and demolition materials.

Bob Erbetta discussed his concern about substance abuse in town. He ran drug free programs and substance abuse education programs in the Navy. He would like to be a resource to the Board in the future.

The next meeting will be February 7<sup>th</sup>.

**MOTION** to adjourn. 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 8:45 pm.

Andrea Flaxer  
Senior Clerk

List of documents used:  
Boston Globe Article dated 12/29/22