

# MARBLEHEAD BOARD OF HEALTH

## MINUTES, January 9, 2018

Present: Todd Belfbecker, Helaine Hazlett, Andrew Petty, Director

Also Present: Representative Lori Erlich, Chris Stevens (Marblehead Reporter)

Absent: Michelle Gottlieb

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm

Representative Erlich came before the Board to update them on the cancer incidences in Massachusetts since the last report was given by the DPH twenty years ago in 1998. With a focus on Marblehead the numbers are determined as follows: observed case counts; the expected case counts, with the standardized incidence ratios. There were three areas of concern: breast cancer, leukemia and melanoma of the skin which had a high tendency due to the town being a seaside community. The occurrences and numbers seem to be the same as they were twenty years ago. The Board was pleased to see that there has been no increase. The Board found the discussion to be very informative and thanked Representative Erlich for her research and time. The Board appreciated that she will reach out to the DPH to request a commission for further studies.

### Public Participation:

David Norman of 217 Washington Street Unit 4 came before the Board to discuss his concern about tar spots on leaves. He read aloud various articles and blogs to the Board. Andrew stated that “this is a fungal disease”. The Board stated that it did not pose as a health issue to the residents of Marblehead and advised him that the Board of Health is not the proper venue for his concerns.

### Director’s Report

- Due to the last snow storm three food establishments in town were damaged.
- The health inspector emailed all restaurants to provide the Emergency Handbook for Food Managers as a reference.
- After January 12<sup>th</sup> Christmas trees will be accepted at the transfer station for drop off as long as a valid facility sticker is on the vehicle.
- The new trash regulation went in effect on 1/1/18.
- The annual town report is due at the end of January.
- The yearly budget meeting with the Finance Committee is scheduled for Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>.
- On December 22, 2017 the court affirmed all requests relating to 60 Prospect Street.
- Account number 122 from the transfer station has been inactive since 2012 and is showing an outstanding balance.

**MOTION** to remove account number 122 for charge usage at the transfer station. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mrs. Hazlett, in favor; Dr. Belfbecker, in favor.

**MOTION** to amend the meeting minutes of September 14, 2016. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mrs. Hazlett, in favor; Dr. Belfbecker, in favor.

**MOTION** to amend the meeting minutes of March 8, 2017. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mrs. Hazlett, in favor; Dr. Belfbecker, in favor.

**MOTION** to approve meeting minutes of May 24, 2017 as corrected. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mrs. Hazlett, in favor; Dr. Belfbecker, present.

Meeting minutes of November 14, 2017 were approved as submitted.

Meeting minutes of December 12, 2017 were approved with corrections.

New Business:

**MOTION** to approve letters written by Town Counsel to the Attorney General Office. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mrs. Hazlett, in favor; Dr. Belfbecker, in favor.

Andrew is meeting with Winter Street Architects about the proposed design of the transfer station building.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Andrea Flaxer  
Senior Clerk