

MARBLEHEAD BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES, June 12, 2018

Present: Chm. Helaine Hazlett, Todd Belfbecker, Michelle Gottlieb, Andrew Petty, Director
Also Present: Benjamin Day (Marblehead Counseling Center)

Meeting called to order at 7:45 pm

Benjamin Day came before the Board to give an update on the Marblehead Counseling Center. He stated that he has eleven clinicians on staff. In 2017, the center saw 470 individuals and held 3900 sessions. Marblehead residents have priority in seeking counseling. The center works with teens and local schools. The goal of the center is “to meet with the people who are at the greatest risk and to meet the needs of the community”.

Andrew was asked if the transfer station could be used as boat storage for 20-40 J-70 boats for the summer. He discussed this with the Board. The Board decided not to allow any boat storage at the transfer station.

MOTION to deny the storage of J-70 boats at the transfer station. All in favor and motion passed.

Andrew told the Board that recycling in town needs to get back to basics. Items need to be clean and numbers need to be recognized (1 -7). Helaine suggested holding an educational night. Todd recommended sending out post cards to all residents explaining this. Reduce, reuse, recycle is the motto to follow. 30% of recyclables is trash. The town website is always being updated with information.

The meeting times through the summer will be at 7:30 pm.

Director's Report:

- Marblehead / Swampscott residents (132 cars) came to Household Hazardous Waste Day.
- Plantings are beginning at the transfer station.
- Assisted in a well-being check at 37 Pleasant Street.
- All beaches are now open for the season.
- The food borne illness investigation from May 2018 was resolved.

MOTION to approve meeting minutes of May 2nd and May 22nd as submitted. All in favor and motion passed.

Old / New Business:

Todd discussed a recent article about the potential dangers of radiation given off by 5G networks that are installed with emitters in short intervals.

Drinking straws have become an issue with consumers. They are not biodegradable and can cause damage to ocean life. The board will draft a letter advising town residents to limit their use of plastic drinking straws.

Helaine would like Joyce Redford to attend the September 11th meeting.

MOTION to close meeting. All in favor and motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 pm.

Andrea Flaxer
Senior Clerk