

MARBLEHEAD BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES, October 12, 2021

Present: Chm. Todd Belfbecker, Helaine Hazlett, Joanne Miller, Andrew Petty, Director
Also Present: Dr. Tom Krueger (League of Women Voters)

Web-based video conferencing meeting of the Board of Health via Zoom.

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm.

MOTION to approve meeting minutes of August 30th as submitted. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mrs. Hazlett, in favor; Ms. Miller, in favor; Dr. Belfbecker, in favor.

MOTION to approve meeting minutes of September 14th as submitted. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Ms. Miller, in favor; Mrs. Hazlett, in favor; Dr. Belfbecker, in favor.

Andrew reported that as of October 8th there have been a total of 1580 cases of COVID-19 in town with 35 active cases. The cases per age group are as follows:

23 - 0-11yrs of age
11 - 12-19yrs of age
1 - 20-29yrs of age
2 - 30-39yrs of age
8 - 40-49yrs of age
4 - 50-59yrs of age
4 - 60-69yrs of age
3 - 70-79yrs of age
2 - 80yrs+ of age

The average daily incidence rate (last 14 days) is 22.1 and total tests given are 74073.

The public schools in town are now using a Covid-19 dashboard which tracks the number of cases in each school including students, faculty and staff.

Helaine updated the Board on the SALT (Superintendent's Advisory Leadership Team) recent meeting. The protocol is for a student who tests positive to isolate, and for their contacts to quarantine. Contact tracing will continue and the school nurse will do this for those contacts in school. Those students who are contacts and not part of the "test and stay" will have to go home; those who are part of the program can be tested and stay in their classroom pending results. Parents should continue to pay attention to the weekly health department case reports and the school dashboard. Andrew stated as a reminder, if a child is not vaccinated, they should wear a mask in school and in shared rides. The masking policy at school will continue for another 30 days and then be reassessed.

Joanne reported on the work of the Mental Health Task Force. On November 8th at 7pm there will be panel of mental health professionals lead by high school principal Dan Bauer in the auditorium to answer questions and concerns from the audience. She stated that this event will be advertised and asked the Board if they would sponsor this event. The website should be available soon.

MOTION the Board of Health will sponsor the Mental Health Task Force speaker series on November 8th. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Ms. Miller, in favor; Mrs. Hazlett, in favor; Dr. Belfbecker, in favor.

Transfer Station Update

Andrew reviewed with the Board the cost estimate comparisons from Winter Street Architects to completing work at the transfer station. The comparisons are divided into two paths. Path 1 consists of:

1. Relocating the existing scale.
2. New scale house, staff structure & ancillary storage structures.
3. Improves circulation around the 'pit' area.
4. Queuing area for 'pit' traffic.
5. Short term parking adjacent to the scale house.
6. Study of existing 'pit' steel structure. Repair and re-clad with translucent fiberglass panels.
7. The original 8/6/18 swap shed design to be included under this contract.

Path 2 consists of: Construction of the most recent 8/6/18 design with the swap shed now included under the contract.

A schematic design and schematic design cost estimate of Path 1 and Path 2 including civil engineers, structural engineers, estimators and architecture will be put together at a cost of \$35,300.

MOTION to accept the additional services listed in #11 from Winter Street Architects in the amount of \$35,300. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mrs. Hazlett, in favor; Ms. Miller, in favor; Dr. Belfbecker, in favor.

Andrew read aloud a letter to the Board received from Jimmy Zisson of 3 Mound Road concerning Articles 32, 33, and 34 that were passed at Town Meeting in 2015 for funding the completion of the landfill cap and building a new transfer station.

Director's Report

- The compactor at the transfer station has been down due to two large clamps that are broken. This will be fixed as soon as possible.
- Budget season this year is earlier than in years past. Departments will be handing in projected budgets on November 6th. Meeting will then be setup with liaisons and the finance committee.

Public Comment Policy

Todd read aloud the Board of Health's draft policy on public comment at regular Board of Health meetings.

MOTION to approve the public comment policy as stated. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Ms. Miller, in favor; Mrs. Hazlett, in favor; Dr. Belfbecker, in favor.

Todd opened the meeting to public comment period.

MOTION to close meeting. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mrs. Hazlett, in favor; Ms. Miller, in favor; Dr. Belfbecker, in favor.

Upcoming meetings are scheduled for November 15th and December 14th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Andrea Flaxer
Senior Clerk

