

MARBLEHEAD BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES, June 15, 2022

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

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

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm.

MOTION to approve meeting minutes of February 1, 2022 as submitted. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mrs. Helaine Hazlett, in favor; Ms. Joanne Miller, in favor; Dr. Todd Belfbecker, in favor.

MOTION to approve meeting minutes of February 11, 2022 as submitted. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Ms. Joanne Miller, in favor; Mrs. Helaine Hazlett, in favor; Dr. Todd Belfbecker, in favor.

MOTION to approve meeting minutes of March 1, 2022 as submitted. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Ms. Joanne Miller, in favor; Mrs. Helaine Hazlett, in favor; Dr. Todd Belfbecker, in favor.

MOTION to approve meeting minutes March 8, 2022 as submitted. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Ms. Joanne Miller, in favor; Mrs. Helaine Hazlett, in favor; Dr. Todd Belfbecker, in favor.

MOTION to approve meeting minutes of April 5, 2022 as submitted. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Ms. Joanne Miller, in favor; Mrs. Helaine Hazlett, in favor; Dr. Todd Belfbecker, in favor.

MOTION to approve meeting minutes of May 9, 2022 as submitted. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Ms. Joanne Miller, in favor; Mrs. Helaine Hazlett, in favor; Dr. Todd Belfbecker, in favor.

MOTION to approve executive session meeting minutes of February 1, 2022 as submitted. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Ms. Joanne Miller, in favor; Mrs. Helaine Hazlett, in favor; Dr. Todd Belfbecker, in favor.

Andrew reported that as of June 9th the total amount of COVID-19 cases in town is 4046; 64 active cases; 13 probable cases. The average daily incidence rate per 100,000 = 39.4 (lower); total tests to date = 111,977; tests (PCR) in last 14 days = 1,278; percent positive = 8.84% (lower). The cases per age group are as follows:

- 0-4yrs of age -4
- 5-11yrs of age – 9
- 12-19yrs of age – 2
- 20-29yrs of age – 7
- 30-39yrs of age – 8
- 40-49yrs of age – 19
- 50-59yrs of age – 13
- 60-69yrs of age – 19
- 70-79yrs of age – 9
- 80+yrs of age – 7

Fowl Permit Application – 17 Haley Road

Yael Magen, Esq. for the Joyce family came before the Board to review the application. She reviewed all the steps for the application that the applicants have completed i.e.: application, notice of intent letter to abutters and receipt from post office. She went on to say the applicants have done extensive research. They have spoken to the Conservation Commission and Environmental Agencies. She noted the chickens will be in a coop. The noise level would be similar to a dog or child. Other concerns can all be addressed as requested. The coop and surrounding area can be inspected by the health department if needed. Andrew asked a few questions regarding: bait stations, manure and feeding of the fowl.

Todd opened the meeting to public comment. The following citizens offered comments:

Cliff Powers – 11 Haley Road
Stephanie Rice – 19 Haley Road
Glover Broughton – 31 Bayview Road
Matt Lampert – 24 Hawthorn Road
Michael Carotenuto – 22 Hawthorn Road
Danelle Joyce – 17 Haley Road
Ryan Quick – 16 Hawthorn Road
Danelle Joyce – 17 Haley Road
Michael Carotenuto – 22 Hawthorn Road
Stephanie Rice – 19 Haley Road
Matt Lampert – 24 Hawthorn Road
Steven Sloth – 20 Haley Road (Andrew read letter aloud)
Sara Timm – 23 Hawthorn Road (Andrew read letter aloud)

The Board began discussing the fowl permit application. They all noted that this is a tough decision. Many abutters brought up the point about coyotes, rodents, odor and health and safety of the neighborhood. Andrew stated to the Board that if fowl permit is granted then a building permit is then required and an inspection of the structure and upkeep is done. Any complaints that may arise they are handled immediately. A permit can be suspended or revoked at any time. Helaine reminded the abutters that they are protected as outlined in the regulations. Currently, there are twelve fowl permits in town with only one complaint addressed in five years.

MOTION to grant fowl permit to Danelle and Brian Joyce of 17 Haley Road. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Ms. Joanne Miller, in favor; Mrs. Helaine Hazlett, in favor; Dr. Todd Belfbecker, in favor.

Helaine asked Mr. Joyce to be a good neighbor and secure the trash situation.

Ron Fox and Betsy Morris came before the board to discuss Seaglass Village. It is a local community of seniors helping each other to maintain their independence while aging in their own homes. The organization began twenty years ago and there are 300 villages across the nation. Volunteers can provide rides to doctor's appointments, shopping and assist in household projects etc. The Board thanked them for coming to discuss the services provided. Joanne asked for Seaglass Village to come to the Mental Health Task Force in the fall to make a presentation.

Transfer Station Update

Jerry Smith reported that the traffic flow study has been done at the transfer station. The engineering company VHB was asked to evaluate two possible traffic patterns: commercial use entering on Beacon

Street or commercial and residential using the Green Street entrance for ingress and to egress on Beacon Street. VHB will come before the Board to make a presentation.

Joanne gave an update on the Marblehead Mental Health Task Force. The May 16th Cinco de Mayo event was very successful. There were 100 attendees and a panel discussion followed with a team of mental health professionals. Turning off the television was a big focus of the event. A fall program is being planned with NAN Project which promotes mental health awareness and suicide prevention programs for young people, using a peer-to-peer model. The task force will resume in the fall. Marbleheadcares.org is the website that provides all information pertaining to the task force.

Director's Report

- \$2000 fine given to a Marblehead Village Market for second violation of selling tobacco to minors. Also, a seven day suspension of tobacco license was issued.
- Beach testing has begun for the season. Gashouse Beach remained closed due to high contamination readings.
- Regular trash and recycle curbside collection on the Juneteenth holiday.
- Household Hazardous Waste collection went well with 140 residents participating.

MOTION to approve the \$2000 fine issued to the Marblehead Village Market for selling tobacco to minors. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Ms. Joanne Miller, in favor; Mrs. Helaine Hazlett, in favor; Dr. Todd Belfbecker, in favor.

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David Lieberman – 5 Arnold Terrace

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:51 pm.

Andrea Flaxer
Senior Clerk

List of documents used:
Fowl Permit Application – 17 Haley Road
Letter – 20 Haley Road
Letter – 23 Hawthorn Road

