

Board of Health
Meeting Minutes – June 13, 2023

Members in attendance: Dr. Todd Belfbecker (Chairperson), Helaine R. Hazlett, & Joanne Greer Miller, and Health Director Andrew Petty.

Agenda:

1. Transfer Station Update

Schedule from the architect. Schedule should be close to dates as follows:
June 14th, 2023. 60% of design draft drawings will be completed. Also to include specifications, and consultant design development.
July 25th, 2023 Published design development package completed.
Permitting by the Department of Environmental Protections – may take up to 44 days.
25 days for general contractor bids.
2 days for evaluation of bids.
1 day to award contracts.
This schedule can change as there can be increases or decreases in the timing for completion.

2. Mental Health Task Force Update

Joanne discussed the last meeting again had attendance issues, so they will be having a virtual meeting on June 26th to discuss goal setting, moving forward, and hope to have a quorum. Joanne invited anyone who was interested to come to this meeting and provide input.

3. Facility Sticker Refund

Andrew put forth the request for a facilities sticker refund for a resident that had already purchased one.

Motion: Made by Dr. Todd Belfbecker & Seconded by Helaine R. Hazlett to refund 60 Gregory Street \$80.00 for their second sticker. Vote passed with 3 YEA votes.

4. Bathing Beach Season

First sample will be taken Wednesday June 14th. Grace Olivers' & Gashouse beaches have had issues in the past where they are higher than others in their geomean numbers and can be closed with only 1 bad sample (instead of 2). If the second sample comes up low enough, the beach can be reopened. Beaches covered under water testing will be Devereux, Crocker, Stramski, Grace Oliver, Gashouse, Village & Overlook.

5. Operation Manual

Andrew reviewed the Massachusetts Operations Handbook, which was discussed at last meeting. There was a motion to adopt for use.

Motion: Made by Dr. Todd Belfbecker & Seconded by Joanne Greer Miller to adopt the Massachusetts Operations Handbook for the Board of Heath. Vote passed with 3 YEA votes.

6. Trash & Recycling Delay

Monday June 19th, and Tuesday July 4th Trash & Recycling will be delayed. June 19th will be on the 20th, and the rest of the week will be delayed 1 day. Monday July 3rd will be normal trash & recycling pickup, Tuesday July 4th will not have any pickup. July 5th through 8th will be the rest of the pickups. Republic

has issued a new phone number and app information that they are encouraging residents to use for follow-up of issues.

7. Director's Report

Don Morgan of the Marblehead Conservancy

Don discussed how for over 20 years they have maintained conservation areas. They are asking for a motion to use Parterre to spray and treat spot areas of the wildflower areas, that currently are overrun with weeds. The Conservancy has raised the funds to pay for this use and is not asking for money, just approval from the board.

Motion: Made by Helaine R. Hazlett & Seconded by Joanne Greer Miller to allow Marblehead Conservancy to use Parterre to spray and treat the wildflower area. Vote passed with 3 YEA votes.

Leaf Blower Ban – Letter posted from MHD Police on the enforcement. Signed by Dennis King – Police Chief, Thatcher Kezer – Town Administrator, and Andrew Petty – Health Agent.

North Shore Regional Collaboration Program: Seniors program. Grant money from the state to employ current Regional Epidemiologists to help decrease the prevalence of isolation, & loneliness. This is through outreach calls, as well as referring patients to community programs that can help. This in addition with Meals on Wheels, if they notice any needs – they can report the senior for help.

Household Hazardous Waste Dates: Trident is the new company that will be doing Household Hazardous Waste Day at the transfer station. The dates will be 11/18/2023, and 4/27/2024.

Transfer Station Fees update: Cost of cardboard recycling has gone from credit of \$30.00/Ton prior, to COST of \$90.00/Ton for recycling. A commercial recycling sticker was proposed by the director to help offset the commercial use of the recycling areas and cost(s). Increases in cost of large tires of \$10-20.00, and the addition of an Appliance fee for A/C, Refrigerator, Dehumidifier(s).

Motion: Made by Helaine R. Hazlett & Seconded by Joanne Greer Miller to add a commercial recycling sticker, increase the fee for large tires and tractor tires. Vote passed with 3 YEA votes.

This being Dr. Todd Belfbecker's last meeting, on behalf of the board Helaine presented a plaque to him, thanking Dr. Belfbecker for his 15 years of service.

Public Comment

The Belfbecker family was in attendance and gave him a bouquet of flowers.

Meeting Adjourned @

Next Meeting July 11th, 2023.