

Board of Health

Meeting Minutes – Helaine R. Hazelett opened the meeting of January 9th, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

Members in attendance: Chair Helaine R. Hazlett, Vice Chair Joanne Greer Miller, Tom McMahon, & Health Director Andrew Petty.

Agenda:

1. Meeting Minutes from 12/12/23

Meeting minutes to be reviewed for next meeting 2/5/2024.

2. Tobacco Control Special Guest – Re-Scheduled to March 12th, 2024.

3. Mental Health Task Force Update

Joanne spoke about the upcoming collaboration with Marblehead public schools and exploring a Screenagers program for the high school community. She covered the Marblehead Cares website with usage numbers for the past year at 5,742 unique visitors with a total of 10,354 visits.

4. Transfer Station Update

Andrew discussed the project timeline including the base bid with separate alternates for items. Emphasizing the importance of scale house and site work in base bid. (**List Alternates**)

5. Website – Mental Health and Physical Health Resources

Andrew discussed the Northshore Public Health Collaborative website, and how the board should review it and discuss what they would like to adopt for their use. Links to be added and a way to make use more user-friendly.

6. Director's Report

Andrew discussed the budget and upcoming State of the Town on January 24th, 2024, and the process of meeting with liaisons to create ways to breakdown budget. Currently a level-funded budget means operating with no increases. The discussion of supporting the Counseling Center and possibly hiring more staff at transfer station. 90-minute workshop date and time TBD was discussed for Hannah Bowen to meet with the Board.

Joanne mentioned her visit with Tom Massaro to the Wellesley transfer station and how they can sort out some of the valuable recycling goods and generate income on selling that to buyers overseas or here in the US. Currently we are working with Greenworks to process those goods and the need to explore options going forward. Bottle/Can redemption was one of the topics that was discussed.

7. Public Comment Period

Adjourn meeting.

MOTION: Joanne moved to adjourn the meeting. Tom seconded. All in favor, Meeting ended at 8:32 p.m.