

Board of Health

Meeting Minutes – Helaine R. Hazlett opened the meeting of May 14th, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

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

Agenda:

Helaine began speaking about the previous meetings' heartfelt discussions and the further discussion about substance abuse program creation here in town.

1. Meeting Minutes – 3/5/2024, Approved as written. 3/12/24, 4/9/2024, at next meeting.
2. Health Department Updates – Tracy Giarla Public Health Nurse Spoke about her deep background and years of service in Salem, prior to working here full-time. The varied duties covered and shared with the town for use with vaccinations, emergencies, Beach and swimming water safety, communicable diseases, public health communications with MAVEN and the State Health Agencies. Bobbie Cody also gave a presentation of her duties and roles at the Health Department. Foodservice licenses, Pools & Camps, Housing Complaints, and assisting on Food Borne Illness Inspections and Reporting.
3. Transfer Station – No General Contractor bids submitted, must be re-bid. There was a list of DCAMM registered general contractors. Over 21 Letters of request to review/bid on project were mailed. Discussed the possible use of \$9,000.00 to have an engineering firm review and make recommendations on how to make the bid package more accurate.

Motion: to use up to \$9,000.00 for the cost of the Engineering firm to review and advise bid package information. Seconded, *Passed*.

4. Avian Flu – Review the Town Website Marblehead.org, the Health Department has a link to the National site for updates.
5. Beach Testing – Will begin June 12th for the season. There are 5 Beaches and 2 Piers that are tested for use. There are 2 Tiers of failing beaches, (6) Tier 1 takes 2 failing tests to close a beach for use before a passing test would allow re-opening. (1) Tier 2- Needing only 1 Fail, is Grace Oliver Beach.

6. Mosquito Control – Citizens should be aware and remove sources of standing water in yard areas. Marblehead has treated their water drains with mosquito control materials, to help keep populations down this season.

7. Public Comment Period-

*Meeting Adjourned at 9:04 p.m.