

Board of Health

Meeting Minutes – Helaine R. Hazlett opened the meeting of August 13th, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

Members in attendance: Helaine R. Hazlett, Tom McMahon, Dr. Massaro, Health Director: Andrew Petty, Senior Clerk: Martin Flanagan.

Agenda:

1. Community Health – Dr. Massaro spoke about a long-term strategic plan to increase public health in our area. He discussed how the community should be more involved in how we approach new opportunities and meetings going forward. He stated that the Department of Health and the Board of Health should become provider/driver for the community that we are in.
2. Mental Health Task Force Update – Dr. Massaro stated that the Mental Health Task Force is a perfect example of how the community is coming together to make change – and requested applicants via the news outlets available for the task force membership. He spoke about a possible survey with Boston University, which would be separate from the Salem one that is done every 3 years. At the next meeting there will be a review of the article that Dr. Massaro submitted.
3. Wellness Day Update – A Marblehead showcase in the planning stages for a Saturday in January. Andrew will speak with Lisa Hooper for the use of the Jacobi Community Center.
4. Substance Abuse Program Update – Conversations continued around the Drug Theatre program and the upcoming program which Tom McMahon had discussed. Details on both will be reviewed at a later meeting.
5. Directors Report – Andrew gave an update on the project and bills.

MOTION: Vote to approve the 2 prefabricated buildings and adjust alternate bid to reflect rectangle slab for future use of swap shed. Seconded. All in favor. Passed.

Andrew continued the discussion about the upcoming budget deadline for Finance Committee on September 6th, 2024. He also discussed how all schools are now part of the composting program. There will be a Sustainability Fair on September 28th, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the High School. He also discussed Tattoo and Tobacco control regulations for future meeting. Bathing beaches will have their final testing

September 11th, 2024. Covid tests are available while supplies last at the Health Department office.

(Insert Letter to Bobbi) – Chairman Helaine Hazlett read the letter from the Board of Health thanking Bobbi Cody her for her services. She asked for the letter to be placed in the record.

6. Sticker Refund – Resident had purchased and returned multiple full-price stickers.

MOTION: To refund \$80.00 to resident for the return of extra sticker purchased at full price. Seconded. All in favor. Passed.

7. Public Comment –

8. *Meeting Adjourned at 9:34 p.m.