

MARBLEHEAD BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES, July 24, 2018

Present: Chm. Helaine Hazlett, Todd Belfbecker, Michelle Gottlieb, Andrew Petty, Director

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm. Andrew Petty notified the Board that the meeting is being audiotaped.

MOTION to approve meeting minutes of June 12th as amended. All in favor and motion passed.

John Paul Grimes and Michelle Grimes of 10 Anderson Street came before the Board to discuss their concerns about the cleaning chemicals in the Bell School's organic garden. Andrew told the Board that a licensed site professional (LSP) was hired to assist in collecting soil samples from the garden and interpret soil analysis results. He also stated that the health department will work the schools and with state departments of Environmental Protection and Public Health on this issue.

The Board of Health made the following statement: "We commend the Bell School faculty, students and parents on building these gardens. Due to the recent events we are disappointed that they will not be able to harvest this seasons' crop. We look forward to a healthy future garden".

MOTION to issue the statement as stated in the recording. All in favor and motion passed.

Andrew and Helaine recently met with the compensation committee to reclassify the Director of Public Health position. A point value conversion chart was used to evaluate. Previously, the job was a Grade 56 and now it is a Grade 57.

Director's Report:

- The new Town Administrator is Jason Silva.
- Mowing is occurring more often at the landfill.

Old Business:

Todd has put together a plastic straw statement. The statement reads as follows: "Drinking straws contribute to the growing problem of plastics polluting the oceans and harming marine life. Therefore, as part of our overall mission to reduce, reuse and recycle, the Board of Health of the Town of Marblehead encourages you think twice before using a plastic drinking straw

-Americans use approximately 500 million straws a day.

-Straws are not biodegradable and cannot be recycled.

A small change in routine can make a big difference".

MOTION to adopt the plastic straw statement as written. All in favor and motion passed.

MOTION to close meeting. All in favor and motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Andrew Petty
Director

