

MARBLEHEAD BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES, December 10, 2019

Present: Chm. Helaine Hazlett, Todd Belfbecker, Michelle Gottlieb (via video), Andrew Petty, Director
Also Present: Dr. Tom Krueger (League of Women Voters)

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm

A public hearing took place on increasing the fee for 2020 facility stickers. Andrew told the Board that it has been approximately six years since the last increase. Also, in comparison to other towns the price is significantly lower here. The projected revenue from the increase would be in the range of \$35,000. The Board reviewed the information provided and decided to increase the fees to the following: \$80.00 for first sticker and \$25.00 for each additional sticker. Most of the audience spoke in favor of the increase. They included:

- Tom Krueger 205 Humphrey Street
- Myra Sussman 24 Pearl Street
- Felix Twaalhoven 19 Doak's Lane
- Nooruddin Faryabi 30 South Street

MOTION to increase the price of facility stickers for 2020 to \$80.00 for the first sticker and \$25.00 for each additional sticker. All in favor and motion passed.

Andrew put together a proposed warrant article for seasonal ban of leaf blowers. He looked at the cities of Brookline, Cambridge and Arlington. A battery powered leaf blower which could be used all year can reach 65 decibels while a gas powered leaf blower one can be much higher and could only be used seasonally from October 1st to May 15th. Mike Nash of Nash Turf of Landscape came before the Board and said that leaf blowers are more effective than raking. He brought up the cost factor he would endure and also what his customers expect from his company. Further discussion at the next meeting. There were many opinions on the ban from the audience some in favor some not in favor. They included:

- Felix Twaalhoven 19 Doak's Lane
- Beth Grader 9 Mill Pond
- Myra Sussman 24 Pearl Street
- Kathy Ryan 55D Brackett Place
- Tom Krueger 205 Humphrey Street
- Nooruddin Faryabi 30 South Street

A complaint was made to the Marblehead Police Department about smoking that was taking place at the dog park. It also appeared in the Boston Globe and New York Times. The dog park falls under the Park and Rec department jurisdiction. No smoking signs will be placed at the dog park since all parks in town are smoke free.

Director's Report:

- On January 9th emergency personnel from the town will participate in an emerging infectious disease table top exercise in Beverly.
- The transfer station will be closed 12/24, 12/25 and 12/31, 1/1.
- A bag ban was recently passed by legislature we are waiting to see if the governor signs. We would have to follow state regulations rather than the local which are stricter. It is a thinner bag which would result in less reuse.
- A Massachusetts flavored tobacco ban passed by legislature on wintergreen and menthol. These flavors are popular with younger kids.

- Boston is the only city that has regulations on nail salons. Andrew gave the Board a copy of the safe shop handouts. Further discussion at the next meeting.

MOTION to approve meeting minutes of November 3, 2019 as submitted. All in favor and motion passed.

MOTION to approve step 5 increase for public health director effective January 1st. All in favor and motion passed.

New Business:

Todd spoke to a third grade class about recycling. The students were very happy to learn more about the proper way to recycle. They are writing letters to voice their opinion about not having Styrofoam trays in school.

The January 14th meeting will begin at 7:45pm.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Andrea Flaxer
Senior Clerk