

MARBLEHEAD BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES, March 23, 2020

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

Also Present: Jason Silva (town administrator), Board of Selectmen – Chm. Jackie Belf-Becker, Judy Jacobi, Moses Grader, Jim Nye, Harry Christiansen, and Tom Krueger (League of Women Voters), Chris Stevens (Marblehead Reporter), and Jon Caswell (MHTV)

Web-based video conferencing joint meeting of Board of Health and Board of Selectmen via Zoom.

Meeting called to order at 4:13 PM.

Andrew gave an update on COVID-19. He stated that the situation is being monitored around the clock. It has been classified a pandemic and the following recommendations and actions have already been taken: Schools are closed and nonessential stores and business are closed and the public is strongly advised to stay at home.

Jason gave an overview on the town's response during this pandemic. All schools are closed, all special events are cancelled, all board meetings have been cancelled, and nonessential businesses have been closed. All town departments have been reduced to limited staff. He emphasized that the public can still interact in town while keeping 6 feet apart of social distancing in mind. Service for seniors have been enhanced with: meals on wheels, rides to medical appointments and grocery delivery in conjunction with Crosby's Market. The Park and Rec department has closed the basketball and tennis courts. The dog parks have also been closed.

The overall message was that people should stay home. Residents should maintain the recommended social distancing of six feet apart. Do not have playdates or social gatherings of more than ten people. The curbside trash pickup schedule has not changed.

Jackie Belf-Becker read aloud the "Declaration of Emergency" for the town. The declaration reviewed the necessary steps that are to be taken from the federal and state level.

MOTION to approve the declaration of emergency for the town of Marblehead. All in favor and motion passed.

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:50pm

Andrea Flaxer
Senior Clerk