

MARBLEHEAD BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES, April 7, 2020

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

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

Meeting called to order at 4:00 PM.

Andrew reported that the National Guard has been testing residents at long term care facilities throughout the state. At this time they have performed five hundred and fifty seven tests. The state has partnered with CVS to have a drive thru site in Lowell which will offer rapid testing results. A doctor's referral is required to attend the testing site. The CDC has recommended that everyone should wear a cloth mask when going to a supermarket and pharmacy. The N95 and surgical masks should be worn only by first responders and health care professionals. A COVID-19 relief fund has been established for anyone wishing to donate. The website to donate is: www.macovid19relieffund.org.

As stated yesterday, there are presently 28 positive cases in town along with 10 residents ending quarantine period. No deaths at this time. Social distancing continues to be an issue in some neighborhoods. There is a group of volunteers wearing white and yellow shirts known as "social distancing ambassadors" who continue to remind residents to social distance from one another. Also, residents should stay in their own neighborhoods when going out for a walk.

Maura Dartley-Rocco who is a health educator at the middle school has asked her students to create posters about the guidelines and CDC recommendations during the pandemic to get the message out to other students. She has received over fifty posters. The Board was very enthusiastic about the posters. Michelle will post some of the posters on the Board of Health Facebook page with the permission from the parents of the students.

Town Meeting will take place on Monday, June 29th with a quorum of 30 needed.

The fireworks in celebration of the 4th of July have been postponed.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, April 16th at 4pm.

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:40pm

Andrea Flaxer
Senior Clerk

