

MARBLEHEAD BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES, July 9, 2020

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

Absent: Michelle Gottlieb

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 7:30 PM

MOTION to approve fowl permit of Celia Dressel and Jurgen Horn of 280 Ocean Avenue. All in favor and motion passed.

MOTION to approve facility sticker rebate of Debra Clemenzi of 3 Haley Road in the amount of \$55.00. All in favor and motion passed.

MOTION to approve the (Nunc pro tunc) letter to the editor of the Marblehead Reporter. All in favor and motion passed.

Andrew stated that there are 237 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Marblehead and no recent deaths. There are eight active cases currently. After any travel outside of New England, a 14 day self-quarantine is recommended. Also, anyone who has been a close contact of a positive case should get tested and self-quarantine for 14 days.

COVID-19 is very active in the United States with 60,000 cases a day and 3 million across the US. Canada has 109,000 cases total. Canada and Europe will close their borders as of 7/21/20.

A Code Red call is scheduled for July 10th to alert residents about the travel ban and the age range of cases etc.

Phase 3 of reopening the state began on July 6th. Part 1 of this reopening portion is for movie theaters, museums, fitness centers, outdoor venues and professional sports. There are three categories in this phase: low risk, moderate risk and high risk. Some examples would be: tennis, paddle ball – low risk, swimming, field hockey- moderate risk, and football, lacrosse – high risk. Mass.gov and Marblehead.org always gives updates on all guidelines.

There are 13 restaurants opened and providing outdoor dining in Marblehead. Indoor dining will be available in inclement weather. The town applied for a Shared Streets Grant which would provide additional funds to restaurants for lighting, jersey barriers and portable handicapped ramps.

Retail stores in town are allowing patrons to try on clothing however; the item is then removed for 24 hours or steam cleaned. Appointments are requested. The chamber said that the stores are planning to have a sidewalk sale in September. There are no samples of body lotions or hand creams or perfumes.

Andrew told the Board that New England Mosquito Control comes to town and places mosquito traps that are checked weekly for EEE and West Nile virus.

Beach testing has been going well with no beach closures to date. Some jellyfish (lion's mane) sightings were reported in the local area.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

Andrea Flaxer
Senior Clerk