

MARBLEHEAD BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES, May 11, 2021

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

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

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm.

MOTION to approve meeting minutes of April 28th as submitted. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mrs. Hazlett, in favor; Ms. Gottlieb, in favor; Dr. Belfbecker, in favor.

MOTION to approve fowl permit application of Jennifer and Robert Panza of 36 Crestwood Road. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mrs. Hazlett, in favor; Ms. Gottlieb, in favor; Dr. Belfbecker, in favor.

MOTION to approve fowl permit application of Larry Simpson of 16 Rowland Street. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Ms. Gottlieb, in favor; Mrs. Hazlett, in favor; Dr. Belfbecker, in favor.

Andrew reported that on 5/7/21 the Marblehead total case count = 1328; 14 active cases; 31 total deaths. In Marblehead, 10,139 residents are fully vaccinated and 4,203 first doses were administered. The process for residents is now easier to pre-register and then be notified when a vaccination appointment is available. In addition many more sites such as: CVS, mass vaccination sites, doctor's offices will now offer vaccines. It is anticipated that the Pfizer vaccine will be available soon for children ages 12 yrs. old and up.

The Northshore Regional Cooperative vaccination center opened today at the O'Keefe Center located at Salem State University from 10-2pm. There will be another clinic on Thursday May 13th from 2-6pm. To register for a clinic visit the town website at marblehead.org.

As of May 10th a number of changes in guidelines for the capacity of indoor and outdoor activities were announced (see mass.gov for details). These affect public and private gatherings, large capacity sites, restaurants, retail, theatre venues, etc. Andrew said to anticipate more changes on May 29th. The face covering guideline order #67 as of April 30th is still in effect. Andrew read the entire order aloud.

Helaine thanked Andrew for all his work and assistance with high school principal, Dan Bauer in making upcoming senior activities safe and fun for all.

Michelle Gottlieb gave an update the Mental Health Task Force. The group met on May 6th and is still collecting and collating available resources to incorporate into an overall spreadsheet. The task force is exploring other activities that might be offered in the fall: speaking engagements, safety net, etc. The next meeting is scheduled for May 17th at 7pm.

Director's Report

Andrew announced that beach testing begins in mid-June. Leaf collection is taking place next week.

He reiterated the responsibility of residents for their trash and waste until it is actually in the truck. Windy days have led to lots blowing trash and numerous complaints. The residential pickup of household hazardous waste will take place on Wednesday, June 9th details are available on the town website.

Todd opened up the meeting to public participation.

MOTION to close meeting. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mrs. Hazlett, in favor; Ms. Gottlieb, in favor; Dr. Belfbecker, in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.

Andrea Flaxer
Senior Clerk