## MARBLEHEAD BOARD OF HEALTH EMERGENCY MEETING MINUTES, December 29, 2021

Present: Chm. Todd Belfbecker, Helaine Hazlett, Joanne Miller, 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.

Chairman Belfbecker opened the meeting noting the disrespect and lack of decorum by the public at the meeting on December 27<sup>th</sup>. He explained that "open meetings" (see https://www.mass.gov/service-details/updated-guidance-on-holding-meetings-pursuantto-the-act-extending-certain-covid-19-measures) can be conducted in multiple ways and the public may or may not be allowed to speak. He then went on to explain how the public comment would be allowed at the meeting this evening with a total time allotment of 30 minutes; those wishing to speak are to use the "raised hand" icon; each person is to state their name, address, and will be allowed 2 minutes to speak; questions will not be answered. After this time the Board will vote on reaffirming the masking mandate.

Todd opened the meeting to the public comment period. The following citizens offered comments on the mask mandate:

Tom McMahon − 1 Gregory Street Dr. James Revkin – 10 Warwick Terrace Amy Hourihan – 8 Fort Sewall Lane Ryan Harris – Lunenburg, MA Kelly Lorenz – 26 Cedar Street Michael Reyes – 1 West Shore Drive Luba Grenader – 27 Ware Lane Sarge Richild - Beverly, MA Andy Cohen – 40 Clifton Avenue Dr. Steven Kurzrok – 4 Orchard Street Elizabeth Hoffman – 12 Bassett Street Michelle Gottlieb – 30 Sevinor Road Kevin McKernan – 24 Foster Street Emily DeWitt – 154 Atlantic Avenue Andrew Kramer – 7 Clifton Avenue Sharon Barbano – 21 Summer Street

Dr. Paul Milone – 4 Winslow Square Lane

Jason Grazado – 115 Elm Street

Fernando Ramirez – 17 Village Street

Joseph Brian – Jersey Street

Mary McCarriston – 46 Pinecliff Drive

Joanne said she was grateful to hear all comments. Helaine stated she has lived in town for over 40 years and was very pleased that people cared to come to the meeting. Also, Helaine said all board members are trained in public health and she was satisfied with the original strong recommendation for mask or facial covering in public places until she saw people were not abiding. Todd concluded by thanking everyone for being courteous and stated this was a measured meeting.

**MOTION** to reaffirm vote on mask mandate for the Town of Marblehead. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Ms. Miller, in favor; Mrs. Hazlett, in favor; Dr. Belfbecker, in favor.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Andrea Flaxer Senior Clerk

List of documents used: Mask mandate for the Town of Marblehead