

MARBLEHEAD BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES, May 25, 2021

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

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

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

MOTION to approve meeting minutes of May 11th 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 facility sticker rebate in the amount of \$55.00 to Leah Bokenkamp of 23 Rowland Street. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mrs. Hazlett, in favor; Ms. Gottlieb, in favor; Dr. Belfbecker, in favor.

MOTION to approve facility sticker rebate in the amount of \$55.00 to Scott McAdam of 291B Ocean Avenue. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Ms. Gottlieb, in favor; Mrs. Hazlett, in favor; Dr. Belfbecker, in favor.

Andrew reported that as of 5/21/21 the Marblehead total case count = 1338; 4 active cases; 31 total deaths. A total of 11,852 residents are fully vaccinated and 3,216 first doses were administered. All children who are 12 or older are being urged to get vaccinated. There is a local clinic at Salem State O'Keefe Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Governor Baker issued the following statement: "Effective 5/29/21 all industries could be opened". Facial coverings requirements are lifted except in the following areas: 1) public and private transportation, including taxis and ride shares; 2) inside K-12 public schools, collaborative, etc. for students, teachers, and staff; 3) inside childcare programs; 4) in health care facilities and provider offices; 5) congregate care settings (e.g. assisted living facilities, group homes, houses of correction, residential treatment programs, etc.); 6) health care and rehabilitative day services or programs; and 7) home care workers. This information is all available on mass.gov as well as marblehead.org.

On 5/25/21 Governor Baker is filing legislation to extend the open meeting law, whereby meetings have been conducted by web-based video such as Zoom until September 1. In addition, legislation would include provisions to have towns approve permits for outdoor dining. One additional part of the legislation is that medical providers cannot bill for some COVID related costs until January, 2022.

Helaine thanked Andrew and his department for all their hard work this past year.

Michelle stated there was a conflict in the schedule that resulted in the mental health task not meeting last week. The next meeting is June 1st.

Director's Report

The residential pickup of household hazardous waste will take place on Wednesday, June 9th details are available on the town website. Beach water testing begins June 9th. The town will be observing Juneteenth which is now a legal holiday on Friday, June 18th. The office and transfer station will be closed on that day. Residential curbside trash and recycling collection will still occur on Friday.

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 7:32 pm.

Andrea Flaxer
Senior Clerk