

**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 27th. He explained that “open meetings” (see <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/updated-guidance-on-holding-meetings-pursuant-to-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