

MARBLEHEAD BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES, May 2, 2018

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

Also Present: Representative Lori Ehrlich, Selectman Judy Jacobi, Kathy Leonardson, Polly Whitmore and Dr. Tom Krueger of the League of Women Voters

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

MOTION to approve meeting minutes of April 3rd with corrections. All in favor and motion passed.

Director's Report:

- 1500 people attended the CDC conference in Atlanta on emergency preparedness, including the director.
- Caraustar will no longer be accepting comingled recycling as of May 1st.
- JRM will accept comingled materials for \$90.00 a ton.
- Tobacco control is working with the psychologist of the high school and the resource officer to help educate the students about the dangers of e-cigarettes.
- RFP to complete plantings at the Transfer Station during the month of June.
- New employee at the Transfer Station. Karen Colby will work on Saturdays and fill in as needed.
- Food borne illness investigation taking place in town from March 26th – April 26th.

Michelle spoke about maintaining a dialogue with the League of Women Voters and the Board to continue to discuss gun violence prevention.

Representative Ehrlich spoke to the Board about ways to make gun laws safer. She explained that Massachusetts has one of the strictest gun laws in the nation. The Extreme Risk Protection Orders and Suicide (ERPOS) bill was filed a year and half ago. This enables a court to temporarily prohibit a person from having guns if law enforcement or immediate family members show that he or she poses a significant danger to oneself or others. Massachusetts has introduced legislation to the state's Legislature requiring the \$72 billion Massachusetts Pension Reserves Investment Management Board (PRIM) to divest from companies that manufacture guns and ammunition. She further explained that Mass PRIM would sell, redeem, divest or withdraw all publicly traded securities from any ammunition, firearm and firearm accessory manufacturing companies that drive 15% or more of their revenues from the sale of ammunition, firearms or firearm accessories for civilian purposes. Dr. Tom Krueger of 205 Humphrey Street asked about the public health approach to gun violence. The Dickey Amendment is a provision first inserted as a rider into the 1996 federal government omnibus spending bill which mandated that none of the funds made available for injury prevention and control at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) may be used to advocate or promote gun control. Boston University and Harvard School of Public Health have gathered data from every town involved in a shooting.

Kathy Leonardson mentioned the "Red Flag Bill". This bill would preemptively disarm individuals who display unstable or potentially dangerous behavior.

MOTION to enter into a public hearing on chapter 217 Health and Sanitation Article II. Solid Waste. All in favor and motion passed.

MOTION to accept new solid waste regulation as amended. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Dr. Belfbecker, in favor; Mrs. Hazlett, in favor; Ms. Gottlieb, in favor.

Old / New Business:

Helaine mentioned that Paul Crosby has left the Marblehead Counseling Center permanently on March 31st. Ben Day would like to attend a future Board of Health meeting.

Several spring clean-ups are taking place around town. The health department is providing the trash bags and gloves.

Andrew and Michelle are drafting a proposal for composting to take place at the Village School.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Andrea Flaxer
Senior Clerk