

MARBLEHEAD BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES, November 13, 2019

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

Absent: Michelle Gottlieb

Also Present: Dr. Tom Krueger, Polly Whitmore (League of Women Voters)

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm

The New England School Development Council (NESDC) is heading the search for the new school superintendent. Helaine was invited to attend this program. Andrew suggested to the Board that once a new superintendent is selected we should meet with him or her to discuss wellness, Styrofoam trays and most importantly public health.

Helaine attended a League of Women Voters forum about gun control on November 6th. Chief Mary Butler (Salem) and Chief Bob Picariello (Marblehead) were both in attendance. Both chiefs support gun control. The Marblehead LWV has been studying gun violence for several years because of the recurring tragedy of mass shootings. Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPO) is designed to temporarily keep guns away from people who are at a high risk of committing violence. Photos are taken in hospital emergency rooms when a gun injury happens. 4.7 million children live in homes with unlocked firearms. The National Rifle Association (NRA) is losing money because many sporting goods stores have removed guns.

A draft for the leaf blower article should begin in December. Andrew suggested it should state “reasonable use, seasonal bans”. Todd said this has come up several times at town meeting and that we should work with landscapers. Other factors to take in consideration are: noise, exhaust and particulates.

Due to the recent storm many large trees and wires were down. Mayer Tree Service continues to assist the town with clean up.

Several flu clinics were held in to town. Approximately, 300 -400 were vaccinated.

Devereux Beach bathrooms shutdown after beach season is over. The policy is that they are not available for charity events.

A School Wellness Committee is required from the Board of Health. The new school superintendent will be informed of this.

The vaping ban has upheld the governor’s decision September 24th – January 24th. The FDA has banned all sales of Juul.

Director’s Report:

- 49 Smith Street has material outside of house. A letter will sent to remove material.
- Household Hazardous Waste Day is taking place on November 16th from 9am-noon.
- Awarded \$16,900.00 from the Mass DEP grant. Trash receptacles in town might be replaced.
- Recent visit to the Greater Lawrence Sewage District where a food digester was used. This is filled with biodegradable food waste. They have better ventilation to improve airflow to breakdown food more quickly.
- Guest speaker at Marblehead High School.

MOTION to approve meeting minutes of October 2, 2019 as corrected. All in favor and motion passed.

New Business:

Todd asked about nail salons in town. He wants to consider licensing and inspecting local nail salons to ensure that sterilizing instruments was properly done and autoclaves were properly working among other concerns. Proper sanitation is necessary to avoid infection and fungus, so this should be under the supervision of the Board of Health. Andrew and Bobbie will look into how other communities have addressed this for further discussion at the next meeting.

Todd suggested we recognize good recycling techniques used in each school by giving an award.

Andrew would like to have the cost of facility stickers increased to \$75.00 and \$25.00 for each additional sticker. Also, to institute a one-time \$75.00 fee for all commercial recycling.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Andrea Flaxer
Senior Clerk