

MARBLEHEAD BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES, October 2, 2019

Present: Chm. Helaine Hazlett, Todd Belfbecker, Michelle Gottlieb (via video), Andrew Petty, Director
Also Present: Chris Stevens (Marblehead Reporter)

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm

On September 24, 2019 Gov. Charlie Baker declared a public health emergency tied to what he called severe lung disease associated with the use of e-cigarettes and vaping products and an epidemic of e-cigarette use among youth. He followed that up with a temporary ban on the sale and display of all vaping products and e-cigarettes until January 24, 2020. The Board stated that they were pleased with the decision.

Todd presented a press release from the Massachusetts Dental Society (MDS) to the Board. He discussed the recent lung injuries in teenagers as a result from vaping. The article stated “this is a positive step toward protecting Massachusetts youth and all residents from tobacco and nicotine addiction, and its detrimental impacts on oral and overall health.”

Andrew told the Board that there are six tobacco licenses in town. All establishments were visited by us to make sure all products were removed. There are only three of these businesses that sell vaping products and they already removed the necessary products.

Director's Report:

- Heavy Equipment Operator position opening at the transfer station.
- Attending a housing needs forum on Monday October 7th at library.
- Budget meetings will take place soon.
- Household Hazardous Waste Day is taking place on November 16th from 9am-noon.
- Assistant Finance Director Bob Ross has retired from the town.
- Curbside leaf collection will be starting the last week of October.

MOTION to approve meeting minutes of September 3, 2019 as corrected. All in favor and motion passed.

New Business:

Upcoming meetings for 2020: 1/14/20, 2/4/20, 3/10/20.

MOTION to approve the facility sticker rebate of Ray Kelsey 1 Ware Lane in the amount of \$65.00. All in favor and the motion passed.

MOTION to approve the one year contract of Watermark Environmental Inc. located at 175 Cabot Street Lowell, MA 01854. All in favor and motion passed.

Helaine would like to have the local landscapers attend the December 10th meeting to discuss leaf blowers.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Andrea Flaxer - Senior Clerk

