

MARBLEHEAD BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES, April 2, 2020

Present: Chm. Helaine Hazlett, Todd Belfbecker; Michelle Gottlieb, Andrew Petty, Director
Also Present: Dr. Tom Krueger (League of Women Voters)

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

Meeting called to order at 4:00 PM.

Andrew stated that the Marblehead Health Department continues to monitor and access the evolving situation of COVID-19. As of March 30th there were thirteen positive cases in town. We continue to update the number each Monday after 4pm and post them on the website. There has been extensive contact tracing taking place. On March 23rd at the state level Governor Baker stated that all nonessential businesses should remain closed. Landscapers are permitted to continue working. Residents should stay home and only go to the grocery store, pharmacy and medical appointments. Only one person per household should go shopping. There have been over 60 signs placed around town to promote social distancing. We are doing our share to “flatten the curve”.

The Marblehead Counseling Center is open and available for counseling services.

The Transfer Station remains open but will be closed the next two Saturdays to further promote residents to stay at home.

Supermarkets are providing “senior shopping hours” in the morning. No reusable bags will be allowed and shopping carts continue to be wiped down constantly.

The health department is contacted immediately if there is a positive case in town. The public health nurse then begins her follow-up procedures and contact tracing.

Beth Grader expressed her concerns to the Board about the many leaf blowers being used in her neighborhood. Andrew explained that Governor Baker has said that landscapers are considered to be essential employees.

The town website continues to be updated on COVID-19 as well as on social media. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 7th at 4pm.

Todd reminded everyone with Passover and Easter coming up to please refrain from celebrating with family and friends in person.

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:50pm

Andrea Flaxer
Senior Clerk

