

MARBLEHEAD BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES, May 21, 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 there are 209 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 19 deaths in Marblehead. Of the 209 cases 138 are active cases.

The reopening of the state has begun on May 18th. Instead of the recommended “stay at home” guidance it has been revised to “safer at home”. It is still imperative to wear a mask, practice social distancing and limit trips to the grocery stores and pharmacies. Also, continue to wash hands or use hand sanitizer. The detailed guidelines are available on mass.gov. There are four phases for the reopening process. Each phase will begin about three weeks apart depending on the number of COVID cases.

The reopening of businesses consists of creating a controlled plan with a check list and displaying a poster that the business is in compliance. This order is enforced by the Board of Health. The first violation will result in verbal warning any additional violations will be a written warning and then monetary fines from \$100 to \$300. Further violations could result in cease and desist with a court order.

All Boards of Health in Massachusetts will be following the same guidelines so each will be consistent with one another.

A Reopening Committee has been formed by the Board of Selectmen. The committee will consist of town officials, restaurateur, and a retailer. Director Andrew Petty and Chairman Helaine Hazlett will be representing the Board of Health. The meeting will be open to the public.

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:06 pm

Andrea Flaxer
Senior Clerk