

MARBLEHEAD BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES, August 4, 2020

Present: Chm. Todd Belfbecker, Helaine Hazlett, Michelle Gottlieb, Andrew Petty, Director
Also Present: Dr. Tom Krueger (League of Women Voters), School Committee Chairman - Sarah Gold,
School Superintendent - Dr. John Buckey and 50+ others

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

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM

The Board of Health observed a moment of silence in memory of Selectman Judy Jacobi. Todd and Helaine offered some kind words about Judy.

Andrew stated that there are 251 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Marblehead and no recent deaths. There are less than five active cases currently. He reiterated that social distancing and face coverings are a necessity to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

As of August 3rd statewide there were 432 new or probable cases; 119,203 total cases and 15 new deaths. The total cases by age are as follows:

0 -19 years old	7179
20-29 years old	17,467
30-39 years old	18,607
40-49 years old	16,782
50-59 years old	18,630
60-69 years old	14,990
70-79 years old	9857
80 + years old	15,418

The trends have been going upward in the last couple of weeks. It is advised to limit indoor activities to no more than 25 people and outdoor social gatherings to 100 people. A state advisory was issued on August 1st that states: all persons returning to Massachusetts must fill out a form and self-quarantine for 14 days or provide negative COVID test results done within 72 hours of arrival. Mass.gov and Marblehead.org explains the advisory in length.

A call line 211 has been established for people seeking emotional support during these trying times. The Marblehead Counseling Center is available to residents either in person or virtually.

The Marblehead Food Bank is providing food and assisting residents in need,

Helaine has been attending the school reopening committee meetings every Monday. A deadline for submission of the plans to the DESE (Department of Elementary and Secondary School Education) is August 10th. There are three different plans that include: remote, in school, and hybrid.

At this point, Chairman Belfbecker opened up the meeting to questions from the additional 57 people in attendance that included parents, teachers and faculty. Discussion was limited to public health questions regarding the reopening of schools in Marblehead.

MOTION for the Board of Health to recommend the Marblehead Public Schools follow public health guidelines as recommended by the CDC and MADPH when addressing COVID-19. All in favor in a polled vote and motion passed.

MOTION to approve the facility sticker rebate of Beth Golden of 7 May Street. All in favor and motion passed.

MOTION to approve the meeting minutes of April 30th as submitted. All in favor and motion passed.

MOTION to approve the meeting minutes of May 7th as submitted. All in favor and motion passed.

MOTION to approve meeting minutes of May 14th as submitted. All in favor and motion passed.

MOTION to approve meeting minutes of May 21st as amended. All in favor and motion passed.

The staff from the transfer station thanked the Board for the coffee and muffins.

There has been one case of EEE identified in Plymouth County.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm

Andrea Flaxer
Senior Clerk