

MARBLEHEAD BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES, November 2, 2020

Present: Chm. Todd Belfbecker, Helaine Hazlett, 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 7:30 PM

MOTION to approve meeting minutes of October 19th as amended. All in favor and motion passed.

Andrew stated there is a positive case at the Glover School. The public health nurse interviewed the teacher and determined there were no close contacts. Recently, high school students attended a social gathering of more than 50 students at a private home and not abiding by proper social distancing and wearing facial coverings. Many students left the gathering when authorities arrived and as a result prevented contact tracing. Dr. John Buckey, Superintendent of Public Schools decided to have high school students taught remotely for the next two weeks. All sporting events and practices have been suspended for the next two weeks.

Andrew informed the Board about the new orders that the governor had issued today - Orders 53, 54, and 55. The orders in their entirety are on Marblehead.org. Order 53 covers the stay at home advisory from 10pm to 5am and restaurants and other facilities are to close at 9:30 pm. (Restaurants can continue to do take-out past this time.) The order will go into effect on 11/6/20 at 12:01am. Order 54 details the size and limits of public and private gatherings while allowing low risk communities a larger size (≤ 100). For gatherings of 50 or more the boards of health should be notified in advance. These gatherings are to conclude by 9:30 pm. Exemptions are made for religious and political gatherings. This order goes into effect also on 11/6/20. Order 55 concerns facial coverings with all over 5 years old required to wear coverings whenever in a public area. Children 2-5 years old are encouraged to wear facial coverings. Public settings include stores, sidewalks, rail trail, roads, transportation (such as buses, trains, car pools, etc.), etc. There are exemptions for medical conditions or disabilities. This order also goes into effect on 11/6/20 12:01am. Enforcement of the new orders will first result in education and then citations.

Helaine attended the reopening committee meeting today and gave an update. The meetings will resume on a weekly basis. A teacher survey was done and it revealed that there is a concern about students without masks during lunch times. The use of webinars with live streaming is being considered in the future. The school committee has hired a custodial company to do a deep cleaning each week.

Household Hazardous Waste Day will take place on Tuesday, December 8th from 7am to 5pm. Residents will need to prepay and preregister on line at Marblehead.org for curbside pickup. ACV Enviro is the company that will be used for this event.

Due to the recent high winds the roof on the compactor at the transfer station was damaged. It has been fixed but a continued discussion will take place in December about it.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Andrea Flaxer – Senior Clerk

