

MARBLEHEAD BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES, December 8, 2020

Present: Chm. Todd Belfbecker, Michelle Gottlieb, Helaine Hazlett, 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

Andrew spoke about Governor Baker's statewide rollbacks. Effective December 13th outdoor events are limited to <50 people, hosting of an outdoor gathering in a private home is limited to <25 people. Indoor theaters and performance centers remain closed and outdoor theaters are allowed at 25% capacity or <50 people. Also, when dining in restaurants residents must wear masks at all times with the exception of eating or drinking. Tables are limited to a party of six and there is a time limit of 90 minutes for eating. Mass.gov is the state website to visit for complete details on these rollbacks.

Andrew told the Board there were 64 new cases of COVID-19 in Marblehead since December 1st. The age breakdown is as follows:

- 9 – (0-19 yrs. of age)
- 10 – (20-29 yrs. of age)
- 3 – (30-39 yrs. of age)
- 5 – (40-49 yrs. of age)
- 15 – (50-59 yrs. of age)
- 14 – (60-69 yrs. of age)
- 7 – (70-79 yrs. of age)
- 1 – (>80 yrs. of age)

Andrew announced there will be free drive thru COVID-19 testing for Marblehead residents on the following dates: December 11th, 15th, 18th from 8-12pm at Temple Emanu-El and December 21st from 2-6pm at Marblehead High School. Residents need to register ahead of time by visiting Marblehead.org.

Helaine met with the Reopening Committee on November 30th. She stated that the superintendent received feedback from teachers that hybrid teaching is working out well. The high school is allowing an excused absence when students returned from being out of state for Thanksgiving so that they would quarantine until a negative test result was received before they returned to school. The outside contractual custodians who do additional sanitizing were cut back from 30 to 13.

The committee met again on December 7th. At this meeting it was discussed that if a student under the age of 10 travelled for Thanksgiving then the parents should have a PCR test. When a student is over the age of 10 has travelled then a PCR test is recommended. Indoor sports are scheduled to begin in December but might be moved forward to January. The number of students who have signed up for indoor athletics is 145. Andrew will be meeting with the superintendent, athletic director and principal to discuss this topic further. There will be only 2 spectators per athlete allowed. Locally, Lynn English and Lynn Classical High Schools will not be participating in indoor sports this season.

The town website: Marblehead.org and the state website: Mass.gov is continuously being updated with information. It is recommended to visit often. Also, the Facebook page of the board is another resource to visit.

MOTION to enter into Executive Session to discuss: (1) whether to release the executive session meeting minutes from the dates listed below in response to Allen Waller's December 1, 2020 request under the Commonwealth's Public Records Law and Open Meeting Law; and (2) whether, in accordance with G.L. c. 30A, 22(f), Massachusetts Superior Court Civil Action No. 1777-cv-1884, *Maverick Construction Management Services, Inc. v. Town of Marblehead* and all related litigation and potential litigation arising there from has been resolved such that the purpose of the recorded sessions no longer warrant confidentiality and, if so, whether attorney-client privilege or one or more exemptions under the Public Records Law apply to withhold such minutes, or a portion thereof, from disclosure.

January 21, 2016
September 14, 2016
April 25, 2017
June 6, 2017
August 8 and 6, 2017

December 12, 2017
January 8, 2019
January 15, 2019
April 22, 2020

On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mrs. Hazlett, in favor; Ms. Gottlieb, in favor; Dr. Belfbecker, in favor.

MOTION to go back into open session. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mrs. Hazlett, in favor; Ms. Gottlieb, in favor; Dr. Belfbecker, in favor.

MOTION to release the Executive Session meeting minutes. All in favor and motion passed.

MOTION to close meeting. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mrs. Hazlett, in favor; Ms. Gottlieb, in favor; Dr. Belfbecker, in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm

Andrea Flaxer
Senior Clerk