

# MARBLEHEAD BOARD OF HEALTH

## MINUTES, January 26, 2021

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 the Board of Health via Zoom.

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

Chairman Belfbecker opened the meeting to discuss pool testing among the board members and asked for no public comment as this had been discussed at the previous meeting. He stated that he attended a webinar about pool testing and talked to members on the school committee. He announced that pool testing was not a Board of Health decision but a School Committee decision. He noted that this is one tool to prevent the spread of COVID-19 but that there has been little spread in schools and the 6 feet separation, wearing masks and hand washing was working for students and teachers.

Andrew told the Board the case count since the beginning of the pandemic is 919. On January 15<sup>th</sup> there were 863 cases and on January 8<sup>th</sup> 789 cases. The active cases at this time are 72 and there are 31 confirmed deaths of COVID-19. The age breakdown is as follows:

- 27 – (0-19 yrs. of age)
- 28 – (20-29 yrs. of age)
- 10 – (30-39 yrs. of age)
- 14 – (40-49 yrs. of age)
- 20 – (50-59 yrs. of age)
- 13 – (60-69 yrs. of age)
- 9 – (70-79 yrs. of age)
- 9 – (>80 yrs. of age)

Phase 1 continues for administering vaccinations. There is a clinic at Salem State University on Tuesday and Thursday for those individuals who are in this category. Phase 2 will begin on February 1<sup>st</sup> and it is advised to visit [mass.gov/covidvaccinemap](https://mass.gov/covidvaccinemap) for the most up to date information.

The budget for FY 2022 was discussed. This year the board is asked to provide a mission statement, goals and accomplishments of the previous year. The board has all of this information available as it was discussed several years ago. Also, the budget is level funded but the nurse and inspector positions are going to be increased to 40 hours per week rather than 30 hours per week. Several contracts need to be renegotiated (JRM and Waste Management). A full-time transfer station operator has been hired to work at the transfer station.

**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 8:41pm.

Andrea Flaxer  
Senior Clerk

