**Brimfield Board of Health**

**Meeting of March 4th, 2020**

Board Members Present: Chair R. Costa, M. Polack and T. Wood and M. Koprowski

Present: Administrative Assistant Michelle Metcalf and by phone Health Agent & Food Jamie Terry

Guest: Republic Service D. Higgins, S. McCarthy, B Van Dam and K. Blake

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM

**New Business:**

* **Republic Service**

Republic Service came to the board and to make them aware of some changes with the Flea Market. Republic currently services 10 sites at the Flea Market with approximately 22 dumpster that stay on the field year round with revenue only coming in the Flea Market week. Republic would to deliver roll off dumpster to the field and would be dropped off before and picked up after the fair. This would help with both safety for the driver and un used revenue from the dumpster sitting in the fields not being charged. Health Agent J. Terry concern with this is the food waste sitting in the dumpster for longer periods of time with the bigger dumpster and fewer trips. Republic let the board know that they are on call bases so if becomes an issue that they could service the dumpster more often.

Republic Service also brought to the board’s attention some issues with the trash pickup for residents. Some of the green bags have been very heavy for the drivers to lift and are sometimes having grab the bags by wrapping around their bodies. Which is a concern for sharp items and drivers getting stuck by the items in the bags such as light bulbs and needles. The concern is also safety for lifting to heavy of bags. The industry standard is no more the 40 pounds. The board would like to notify the residents on the website and BOH Facebook page and felt 3 weeks would be enough notification for the residents. Republic will also notify the board. Republic will tag the resident and pickup or come back to service but after the 3rd offence Republic will not come back if the resident is in violation.

Republic presented a check to the board for $2,000.00 for Tantasqua Regional High School Scholarship.

**Food Inspector:**

Food Inspector J. Terry updated the board on the annual inspections, All inspection have gone great with only few minor issues that have been resolved.

**Health Agent:**

* **15 Little Alum - Upgrade**

J. Terry presented plans to the board from Green Hill Engineering they tank needs replaced and is being replaced with an Eljen system which will put 40% reduction on the leach field. A various is needed from the well to the septic tank. M. Koprowski made a motion to approve the 50ft setback to 30ft from the well to the septic tank. Seconded by M. Polack voted unanimous by the board.

* **108 Sturbridge Road- New Construction**

J. Terry presented plans to the board by Lori McCool this is a split lot from 106. Health Agent J. Terry had the plans re designed to show the wetland on the back of the property and asked for a soil evaluator to flag the property’s wetland. No various for the property so no vote is needed.

* **60 St. Clair -**

Health Agent J. Terry updated the board on continues issues with the property and the system. Chair R. Costa recommend a letter be sent to the installer as a warning to revoke installer license for in correct installation of the system.

* **Cumberland Farms**

J. Terry updated the board on Cumberland Farms so far everything is going well. There has been a few concern from residents on the progress. The contractors have done a great job communicating and follow DEP regulations and has hand delivered all necessary paper work to the BOH office so that thing aren’t being held up.

* **Coronavirus**

Health Agent J. Terry updated the board on Coronavirus she read a few bullet points from her meeting on Monday. So far there has been 8 deaths in the U.S and 10 States they have confirmed with people with the virus which has changed the risk level to “Very High” At this time there isn’t a lot of information on the virus. The synonyms are “Flu Like” fever with a dry cough. The recommendation is cleanliness of surfaces, sneezing in your sleeve, washing your hands with soap and worm water and to stay home if you are sick. If you feel you have the Coronavirus and have traveled you are to contact you primary care physician. Who will evaluate if the patient needs 14 day self-quarantine. The town’s health nurse is Maven daily to check for possible residents who might have the virus. She has an action ready and in place for if a resident has the virus. J. Terry Health Agent recommend that the town emergency responders get together for plan just in case the virus comes to Brimfield, So the town is ready and prepared Chair R. Costa thought that would be a great idea and asked J. Terry to put meeting together.

**Other Business**

* **Water Test**

M. Koprowski review the water test all acceptable levels.

* **Payroll Review**

Board reviewed Payroll for Warrant #17 & 18

* **Minutes-**

T. Wood made a motion to approve minutes second by M.Koprowski. The vote was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Metcalf

Administrative Assistant

Next meeting will be held April 7th, 2020

List of Documents

Republic Service

15 Little Alum

108 Sturbridge Road

60 St. Clair

Update on CoriaVirus

Water Test

February 4th Minutes

Warrant Review #17 &18