

**Brimfield Board of Health
Meeting of November 9th , 2021**

Board Members Present: Chair R. Costa, M. Koprowski, T. Wood and M. Polack
Present: Administrative Assistant Michelle Metcalf, Health Agent Jamie Terry

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM

- **COVID 19 -Update**
The town currently has 5 active cases. Through a shared service contact tracing grant that has been received by the Town of Charlton (and includes the Town of Brimfield) a nurse who can help contact tracing for the town as a backup has been hired. Her name is Micaela Wolcott. It was noted that the Town of Brimfield is also part of a shared services grant with 6 communities through the Town of Webster. Part of this grant opportunity affords for a shared health agent to assist with inspections roughly half a day per week. 5-11 year old age group are now eligible for the vaccine. Jamie Terry is working to look into the possibility of offering a vaccine clinic in Town.
- **Lot A Holland Road- New Septic**
This is a new lot. Green Hill Engineering is the Engineer. System is a proposed 10,000 sqf, Warehouse with 10 inhabitants.
- **85 Dunhamtown Palmer- Repair Septic**
J&P Engineering is the Engineer. System is a 3 bedroom repair. No varient or vote needed.
- **14 Third- Repair Septic**
System tabled until next meeting.
- **Minutes 10/12/2021**
Board approved edited minutes by email.
- **275 Sturbridge Road**
Board approved septic plans back in August. Beavers have raised the water level roughly 5'. Given this increased water level Since then the leach field has gone from 50ft to 32ft from the wetland area. Conservation is currently reviewing this concern on the property and the board will wait until conservation has resolved the issue with the property owner before BOH takes any action.
- **COVID Funds – Health Agent**
Board discussed CARES ACT funds ending and FEMA grants. This funding source is Both grants is how the Health Agent was being paid for contact tracing and other related COVID. FEMA is still available to apply for but need to be done though the fire department/ Emergency Manager. Emergency Management Director was on the call and he will look into the FEMA grant. In the mean time the board will pay for hours out of the Health Agent expense account. With contact tracing and other related COVID still continuing.
- **Emergency Management**

Board met with the new emergency management director S. Connor. They discussed working together and seeing what the town needs are. The emergency shelter was mentioned about supplies and sharing the closet. A copy of the current key to shelter is needed for the new director. It was brought up to possibly change the lock to the shelter door. S. Connor will contact Health Agent and Administrative Assistant to meet to discuss organization of the closet.

- **MassRecycle Membership**
Board tabled till next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34PM

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Metcalf
Administrative Assistant

Next meeting will be held December 7th, 2021