

**Brimfield Board of Health
Meeting of August 3rd, 2021**

Board Members Present: Chair Richard Costa, Co Chair K. Marino, M. Koprowski, T. Wood and M. Polack

Present: Administrative Assistant Michelle Metcalf and Health Agent/Food Inspector J. Terry

Guest: 16 Hollow Rd homeowners, 126 East Hill Rd homeowner & Senior Center Director Eva Pittsinger

The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM

- **COVID 19 –Update**

There has been an increase in cases. The health agent has seen 17 new cases in the past two weeks. Out of the 17, 6 of the resident were vaccinated. CTC has asked if towns see increase in cases to send to them to contract trace. But at this time the CTC is backup as well. The health agents will continue to contract trace for the town. Health agent also has a meeting next week with the school. The state of Massachusetts has 74% of people vaccinated 18 and over.

Senior Center Director asked the board for suggestions on opening more classes. She is hesitant with the case numbers going up in town. Health Agent J. Terry suggested we wait a week to see the progress with the case number with the cases could be due to the Flea Market.

COVID supplies were also brought up and if BOH continues to order for departments as they need them. The board was willing to continue to order supplies as long as supplies could be expenses to the town COVID account. Administrative Assistant will contact the town account to verify if the BOH can expenses supplies.

- **Batch Ice Cream- Refund for Sept Show**

Board voted to issue refund for Sept show.

- **Municipal Air Sensor Grant**

Board discussed grant. The municipal air sensor grant is a very competitive grant and usually awarded to the more populated areas due to pollution. Board decided to not apply for the grant.

- **Bags & Bins – Deliver of cases to retail stores**

The board discussed last week's shortage to retail stores delivery of bags. The board recently signed an agreement with Wastezero to pre pay for bags to keep stock in the warehouse for when retail store order there won't be a delay in delivery. Last week trash bag shortage was due to shipping not stock, but the board discussed giving the new program a change before going out for bid for new bag companies.

- **Reappointment –FY21-22**

Board voted to reappoint Michelle Metcalf Administrative Assistant, Beth St.Clair Back up Administrative, Jamie Terry Health Agent and Food Inspector, Ed Kent Plumbing & Gas Inspector and Gary Stahelski back up Plumbing & Gas Inspector. K. Marino made a motion to approve Administrative Assistants and Inspectors. Seconded T. Woods. K. Marino (Yes), T.Wood (Yes), R.Costa (Yes), M. Koprowski(Yes). Vote was unanimous.

- **16 Hollow Road- Title 5**
Board discussed title 5 for conditionally passed & needs further evaluation by local approving authority that was tabled from last meeting. Engineer at the last meeting would share with the board title 5 information she and the homeowner may have. No information for the property was presented to the board and only thing on file in the BOH office is a plumbing application. Homeowner did have a building card but it was difficult to see virtually but the board of health didn't sign off on card. Concern was the system hasn't been used and if water test was requested in 6 months the test could come back contaminate and would be the new homeowner responsibility. Owners of the property will contact Sherman and Frydryk for plans and Administrative Assistant will contact building department to see if they have anything on file. Table to get more information.
- **39 Little Alum- Septic Repair**
Green Hill is the engineer and installer hasn't been determined at this time. Health Agent J. Terry will review plans. No variance no vote needed.
- **Lot 31.2 Dunhamtown Brimfield Road- Septic New**
Sherman & Frydryk is the engineer and installer hasn't been determined at this time. Health Agent J. Terry will review plans. No Variance no vote needed.
- **126 East Hill –Title 5**
Property owner had a failed title 5 due to the wrong leach field being tested. Owner had another title 5 company Health Agent recommendation and is typical process is when two title 5 contradict to get a third title 5 done. After Health Agent discussed with the original title 5 inspector it was found that not all procedure were followed and a new report was submitted. T.Wood made a motion to accept the two passing title 5 reports second K. Marino. T.Wood (Yes), K. Marino (Yes),M. Koprowski (Yes), R. Costa (Yes). Vote Unanimous.
- **Minutes 7/14/2021**
Board approved edited minutes by email

Meeting adjourned at 8:04PM

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Metcalf
Administrative Assistant

Next meeting will be held September 7th, 2021