

**Brimfield Board of Health
Meeting of August 16th, 2021**

Board Members Present: Chair Richard Costa, M. Koprowski, T. Wood and M. Polack
Present: Administrative Assistant Michelle Metcalf and Health Agent/Food Inspector J. Terry
Guest: Kenneth & Nicole Desabrais

The meeting was called to order at 6:34PM

- **16 Hollow Road –Title 5**

Board reviewed measurements for 16 Hollow Road from Lorri McCool showing center of leach field to center of well. M. Polack made a motion to approve measurements 53ft from center of leach field to center well with a passed title 5 and water test showing no cause for concerns. Seconded by T. Wood. Roll Call M. Polack (Yes), T. Wood (Yes), M. Koprowski (Yes), R. Costa (Yes) Vote unanimous

- **Mask Mandate for Schools**

Board discussed the mask mandate in schools. A parent of a student that attends Brimfield Elementary School expressed their concerns with masks being optional in schools and with students coming together for the first time with the delta variant and with the CDC recommendations to wear a mask in indoor settings. Health Agent J. Terry shared a few changes that will be different from the past school year. 1) Students should not go to school if experience symptoms. 2) "Test and Stay" for close contact will be rapid tested with BinaxNOW and will be administered daily from the first day of exposure for 5 days. 3) "COVID Safety Check" also know as Pool School-Based Follow-Up Testing: Shallow nasal swab samples are collected at school and put into a single tube (maximum of 10 samples per tube). If a group tests positive, individual Follow-Up testing with a second sample collection occurs at the school with BinaxNOW and/or individual PCR testing, as necessary. Public transportation was also discussed. Students will be required to wear masks and windows opened. 3ft distance will not be required for public transportation. It's was discussed to have a 30 day mask mandate for the start of the school year. Health Agent has a meeting tomorrow with the school district to discuss the protocols for the start of school year and will have more information after that. The board of health is one of several parties in the district to help make decision. But they aren't the authority in making the final decision.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20PM

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Metcalf
Administrative Assistant

Next meeting will be held Sept 7th, 2021