

**Brimfield Board of Health
Meeting of December 7th, 2021**

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM

- **COVID 19 -Update**

The town currently has 51 active cases which is the highest in cases since the pandemic. Health Agent J. Terry has continued to work with the school nurse for contact tracing students. Parents have been home testing students and notify the school nurse and if tested positive getting a PCR test. There is a new app that notifies you if you're a close contact. COVID Vaccine clinic will be held at the Elementary school on December 20th, 2022 from 4pm-7pm. The clinic was partnered with the Department of Public Health and is open to Holland, Brimfield and Wales. The clinic will cover 5-12 age groups as well as anyone looking for COVID vaccine or a booster.

- **Property Taxes and Permits**

Board discussed if a property owner is behind on taxes can a permit be withheld until payment arrangements have been made with the tax collector. Plumbing and Gas inspector had printed the plumbing and gas codes for the board to review. Board felt it was unclear and that Chair. R. Costa will contact Town Council to get clarification.

- **Mask at Town Buildings**

Board discussed with the current high cases if we need a mask mandate. After discussion the board decided to send out an email to all departments to notify them of the surge in COVID 19 cases and remind employees to social distance, wear mask and wash hands frequent. Signs will also be posted at the Town Hall, Annex and Library that mask are recommend whether vaccinated or unvaccinated.

Comment [PM1]: frequently.

- **21 Echo-Well**

Property is 20ft from pavement usually 25ft, 35ft from an intermittent stream, 50ft from own septic system and 75ft to closest the septic tank. K. Marino made a motion to approve the septic and wells plan less then 100ft from septic. Vote was seconded by M.Polack. Vote as K.Marino (Yes), M.Polack (Yes) R. Costa (Yes). Vote was unanimous.

- **14 Third Street-Well**

Property is next to the pond and is looking for variance, one is for two abutters. Both property owners have been notified by certified mail regarding meeting. K.Marino made a motion to approve the property line to 6ft, abutter well 57ft and 87ft, Wells will be water tested prior to installation and 6 months after. Vote as K. Marino (Yes), M. Polack (Yes), R. Costa (Yes) Vote was unanimous.

- **Lot # 10 Dunhamtown Palmer- Septic New**

Property is a new construction. Summit Engineering is the designer for the property. No variance, no vote needed.

- **7 St. Clair Road-Septic New**

Property is a new construction R.H LeMaitre is the designer for the property. No variance, no vote needed.

- **47 Lyman Barns-Septic Repair**

Property is septic repair. Civil Engineering is the designer. A polly barrier will be put in due to the slope. No variance, no vote needed.

- **Minutes December 7th,2021**

Board approved edited minutes by email.

Meeting adjourned at 7:16PM

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Metcalf
Administrative Assistant

Next meeting will be held January 4th , 2022