

**Brimfield Board of Health  
Meeting of January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Board Members Present: Chair R. Costa, K. Marino, M. Polack, M. Koprpwski and T.Wood  
Present: Administrative Assistant Michelle Metcalf, Health Agent Jamie Terry and Senior Center Director Eva Pittsinger.

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM

- **COVID 19 –Update**

Town currently has 55 active cases, but it has become more difficult to track due to at home testing which is not recorded on Maven which is a state program to track cases in towns. Approximately 50% of tests completed are at home testing.

The board is looking into the purchase of test kits for the town. The first test kits distributed to towns which Brimfield did not qualify for because the state was sending kits to high poverty rate towns in Massachusetts. Town has the opportunity to purchase testing kits through the state. A grant through shared services can help purchase some of the test kits but will have criteria on how test kits will be distributed. Another grant can help cover the cost through the Selectmen's office under the ARPA funds. We would be able to go under an agreement with CMRPC to procure the tests and could help with the bulk of the price with other towns under the agreement. The agreement will work with a state approved vendors list provided with Emergency use authorization from U.S food and Drug Administration and seek the best possible option for the region based on pricing, availability and quick delivery. Will not seek to purchase tests if the price per is greater than \$15.00. Town will pickup, store and distribute the tests. The board discussed how the test would be distributed. Most towns have the test kits picked up through the Senior Center. Senior Center Director was ok with handling the distribution but would require residents to call in advanced but is open Monday thru Friday to hand out tests with acat the center currently closed. The town would need to look into criteria such as limited on the number of tests per household and proof of residency. Board discussed the amount of tests to order. Motion was made by K.Marino to approve to spend up to \$15,000 on COVID test kits though MOU and CMRPC to utilize APRA funds. Second by M. Polack vote as K.Marino (**Yes**), M.Polack (**Yes**), T.Wood (**Yes**) M. Koprpwski (**Yes**) R. Costa (**Yes**). Vote was unanimous

- **Conflict of Interest**

Reminder that conflict of interest is due at the end of the month.

- **Town Wells**

Chair R. Costa updated the board on the wells at Town Hall, Annex and the Library. All buildings tested positive for Coliform. Wells will now be tested every four months. Grant money could be used to upgrade the wells and Chair is currently working with

Consultant Company and engineers to find the best solutions for the two wells that currently serve the three buildings. He will keep the board up to date and the progress.

- **240 Warren Road-Septic Repair**

Engineer is Green Hill Engineering. System is a 3 bedroom system. Variance is needed from 4ft to 2ft ground water. M.Koprowski made a motion to approve 4ft to 2ft ground water offset with a with an Elgen system. Vote seconded by T.Wood. Vote as M.Koprowski (**Yes**), T.Wood (**Yes**), M.Polack (**Yes**) K.Marino (**Yes**). Vote was unanimous

- **Minutes December 7<sup>th</sup>,2021**

Board approved edited minutes by email.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38PM

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Metcalf  
Administrative Assistant

Next meeting will be held February 1st, 2022