**Brimfield Board of Health**

**Meeting of April 7th, 2020**

Board Members Present: Chair R. Costa, K. Marino, T. Wood and M. Koprowski

Present: Administrative Assistant Michelle Metcalf, Health Agent Jamie Terry

Guest: Selectmen Chair Paul McCarthy, Mike Doyle and Eva Pittsinger Senior Center Director

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM

**New Business:**

* **COVID 19-**

2nd positive case in Brimfield has recovered and is home. Chair P. McCarthy told the board that they have had people come forward to volunteer. Director of the Senior Center felt the need for volunteer as the needs become more necessary. Health Agent J. Terry wanted to make sure the positive case was kept confidential and with the positive case suggested that police or fire deliver supplies that the patient needs.

Board discussed the issue with seniors at Colonial Park and Meadowbrook gathering and not social distancing. The board looked over the letter that will be sent out to the seniors and agreed to send the letter out.

Board discussed the closure of the school playground at the elementary school. The playground was closed due to families going to use the playground and would be a risk to the family if a member was a caring the virus and another family went to the playground after. Police have taped off the playground.

* **Hitchock Acadmey-**

Board discussed opening of the Farmer’s Market and how it would benefit the residents. A few things where discussed on the state guidelines and how to keep the public and vendors safe and to keep social distancing. It was decided that the number of vendors would be limited and no new vendors. Hand sanitizer would need to be available and surfaces would need to be wiped down after every customer with disinfectant. Cash transactions would need to be limited and to look into an online payment such as paypal, Everyone needs to be wearing mask. Hitchock would like to open April 20th. Board agreed if the state guidelines are followed.

* **Mill Lane Food Truck-**

M. Doyle looking to open a food truck at his farm. Health Agent J. Terry talked to the board about a few of the issues that they have been trying to work out to open the food truck. The grey water would be disposed of at a site in North Brookfield. The food truck would be considered a public water supply if it services 25 or more people and would need a water test. Bottled water can’t be a source for the water supply. M. Doyle will need to find out how the truck can be a public water supply.

* **Health Agent Hours-**

Board discussed hours of health agent and how it has increased due to COVID-19. The concern is that the account that the health agent is paid out of has decreased and if the amount of hours continues that there wouldn’t be enough money to pay the health agent. The board discussed that the hours were needed and with the funds coming in from the state that would help cover some of the cost. If the board needs to they would need to request a reserve fund transfer with the Selectmen.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Metcalf

Administrative Assistant

Next meeting will be held April 21st, 2020