

TOWN OF STURBRIDGE, MA
BOARD OF HEALTH
Monday April 12, 2021
Virtual

Meeting Called to Order: 2:00 PM

Quorum Check: Confirmed

Members Present: Linda Cocalis (LC), Richard Volpe (RV)

Members Absent: George DeBusk(GD)

Others Present:

Alex McConnon (AM) Administrative Assistant to Selectman

Ken Lacey (KL) Health Agent

Tricia Valiton (TV) Health Inspector

Kayla LeBoeuf (KLL) Administrative Assistant

2:00 PM – LC read the following into the record: “Pursuant to Governor Baker’s March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting law, G.L. c. 30A Section 18, and the Governor’s March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Sturbridge Board of Health will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. Specific information and the general guidelines for remote participation can be found on the Town’s website at <https://www.sturbridge.gov/town-administrator/pages/how-access-virtual-meeting>.

For this meeting, members of the public who wish to listen and or watch the meeting either online via the Town’s on demand video broadcast, on cable television on channel 191, or dial into the meeting at 774-304-1455, enter 1428# for the meeting number and 12345 for the access code. (This phone number is only active for the public during public meetings). No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. In the event that we are unable to do so, despite best efforts, we will post on the Town’s website an audio or video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of the proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting.”

2:03 PM- Minutes Review – RV motions to approve March minutes, LC 2nd, AIF.

2:03 PM- Covid Review- KL – 1,000 doses are being supplied to the Palmer clinic so then can reopen and run two days a week. Days open will be determined based off available help. Requesting for at least one volunteer from each of the 9 towns. Most serviced at Palmer is 245 with a 96% effective rate in the operation. Town employees had the option and were vaccinated on April 9th. If any person had a date issue, there will be openings in the future to get vaccinated. April 19th will begin opening to the general public for a vaccination. Harrington has been steady and servicing 600-700 people daily along with open on weekends.

2:14 PM- Hidden Muse Tattoo 484 Main Street – New business looking to be permitted. KL says the application looks good, it is complete and is willing to grant/sign the permit. In 2008 the bylaw on permitting was changed. The establishment will be permitted and the artists will be permitted separately as well. There is no body piercing currently being offered. The owner is fully aware of all inspections by the town. **RV motions to approve permitting Hidden Muse Tattoo, LC 2nd, AIF.**

2:23 PM- Julie Nadler/Grease Diverter variance- Julie has requested from the town information and requirements to have a business. She is coming forward in requesting a variance to be granted on an outdoor grease trap requirement. Food is to be imported offering whole sandwiches, grab and go with an occasional soup. Seafood on the menu is limited to 1 or 2 times a week and is done case by case. Owner of the building has made it clear any modifications to the building would be Julia's responsibility financially. Other locations have been explored but are too big and did not fit the needs of their business. Shane and Butch's input has been asked. The suggested food related case should adhere to the requirements. After consideration **LC motions to grant provisional permit variance assuming there are no grease issues, owners are compliant with inspections and any issues owner will be liable for paying fees associated with the need to send imaging down pipes to investigate. Any menu changes or change in service must be immediately reported to the health department and discussed. This will be monitored every 6 months and the grant can be revoked at any time. RV 2nd, AIF.**

2:44 PM – 3 non permitted businesses- There are currently three business's that permits have not been released to due to unpaid taxes. A phone is going to be made to let them know and inform them to call finance to work out a payment plan. This will then be followed up with a letter by the end of the month.

2:49 PM- Recycling center attendant- Wayne Beckwith retired corrections officer has been interviewed for the part time recycling center assistant position. He has been sent on 4/5 for a prescreening physical. **LC motions to appoint KL the ability to appoint recycling positions going forward as well as Wayne for the position. RV 2nd, AIF.**

2:51 PM- Old Business- Hydrogeologist is working with David. Should have a proposal within the next day or two. There are no updates with Zoto. Plan is to use the revolving fund. It is recommended to let Zoto and Smalla know the plans we have to investigate with David.

2:54 PM- South Shore Drive- On April 2nd Ken and Rebecca met with John the installer for water leveling devices. They both observed where water is coming onto Seguin's property. Mosquito control is willing to assist with controlling water levels and help determine piping. It is determined not to be an emergency. The council has been updated. There is a possibility of blue green algae and lake association should be notified to possibly do a water test.

3:06 PM- Hotel and restaurant inspections are in good standing order.

Tobacco coalition will be discussed at the next meeting.

3:10 PM – LC motions to meeting adjourn. RV 2nd. AIF