

TOWN OF STURBRIDGE, MA
BOARD OF HEALTH
Monday August 10, 2020
Virtual

Meeting Called to Order: 2:02 pm

Quorum Check: Confirmed

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

Members Absent: George DeBusk

Others Present:

Ken Lacey (KL) Health Agent

Jeff Bridges (JB) Town Administrator

Tricia Valiton (TV) Health Inspector

Stephen Chidester (SC) Resident

John Sanborn (JS) Charlton resident, Charlton Board of Health Member

2:02 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 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-virtualmeeting>.

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 of the Town’s website an audio or video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of the proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting.”

2:04 pm – Minutes review- LC motion to approve May minutes, RV 2nd, AIF. LC motion to approve June minutes, RV 2nd, AIF. LC motion to approve July minutes, RV 2nd, AIF.

2:05 pm – Office News and COVID-19 Updates- KL stated there are 3 active cases in town, bringing the total to 48 and approximately 1,360 tests have been recorded. A new gatherings order was announced on Friday that goes into effect tomorrow which limits outdoor gatherings to 50 people in both public and private areas, masks are required for more than 10 people not from the same household, and state and local police can now help to enforce. Restaurant guidance was also updated on Friday. School nurses and other health

agents met with Tantasqua to discuss DESE & MDPH reopening guidance. Discussion about reopening concerns and additional meetings with schools.

2:25pm – Office Hours discussion- KL stated Administrative Assistant is not available for office coverage on Tuesday evenings and suggested that office closes at 4pm on Tuesdays. Discussion regarding EFMLA for the Administrative Assistant. KL requests that Board consider changing work hours for KL & TV to 8-4pm Monday through Friday.

2:34pm – RV motion to approve Monday through Friday working hours of 8-4pm for TV & KL, LC 2nd, AIF.

2:34pm – Inspector coverage and compensation discussion- JB recommends any vote should be specified as pending input from the Finance Director. Discussion about pay for events outside of normal business hours.

3:04pm – RV motion to approve compensation for any event requiring the Health Inspector to come in after normal business hours to be paid a 3 hour minimum and as time and one-half over 40 hours or on holidays, pending approval from Finance Director. LC 2nd, AIF.

3:06pm – 508 International in Charlton – LC received a call from SC regarding an entertainment permit in Charlton which will allow live concerts and other outdoor events. SC requests our Board to send a letter detailing our concerns for noise and nuisance to Charlton BOH & BOS. Discussion about potential noise and nuisance for residents of Sturbridge on the Charlton border. LC asked JS if Charlton has a sound meter, JS stated that Charlton does not have a DEP-approved, calibrated sound meter. SC stated that Charlton hired a third party peer review. RV would like a copy of the peer review and those recommendations/objections should be followed by Charlton BOH & BOS.

3:25pm – RV motion for LC & KL to draft a letter to Charlton BOS & BOH to address concerns for residents of Sturbridge, LC 2nd, AIF.

Adjournment - Motion to adjourn at 3:28pm by LC, 2nd: RV, AIF.