

**TOWN OF STURBRIDGE, MA**  
**BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**Thursday February 11, 2020**  
**Virtual**

**Meeting Called to Order: 6:00 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

Jamie Terry (JT), Regional Planner (Region 2)

Mary Dowling (MD), Selectman

**6:00 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.”

**6:03 pm – COVID-19 Vaccination Presentation-** KL presented a PowerPoint slideshow to describe what the Sturbridge Health Department is doing to vaccinate our residents. The Sturbridge Health Department is supporting two regional clinics, Harrington Hospital and Palmer, that are able to vaccinate our residents. KL & JT answer questions from LC and MD. MD wanted to know why we are not opening a clinic for only our residents. KL & JT explain that the state is pushing for regional clinics and is not approving small clinics.

**6:40 pm** – MD voices her disappointment that the Board of Health was not available to attend the Board of Selectmen meeting. She could not stay on the call.

**6:45 pm** – JB opens for Q&A for any callers. No members of the public were in attendance.

**Adjournment** - Motion to adjourn at 6:47 pm by LC, RV 2nd, AIF.