

TOWN OF STURBRIDGE, MA
BOARD OF HEALTH
Monday February 22, 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 McConnell (AM) Administrative Assistant to Selectman

Ken Lacey (KL) Health Agent

Jeff Bridges (JB) Town Administrator

Tricia Valiton (TV) Health Inspector

Kayla LeBoeuf (KL) (AA) 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 January minutes, LC 2nd, AIF.

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2:04 PM- Annual Review- LC discusses an annual review. With regular business for the health department. The addition of working with Harrington because of the pandemic and covid related meetings. Evaluation of performance LC votes that 100% Merit bonus “award” should be awarded to KL department head. RV 2nd, AIF. Email will be sent to JB with decision voted.

2:08 PM- Covid- KL goes over that Town of Sturbridge is now in the yellow category. That positive covid cases are decreasing. Palmer clinic was delayed shipment of vaccines and has been held off. The clinic will resume services on Friday 2/26/21. Currently Harrington is booked solid as well as surrounding CVS locations. We are awaiting Harrington to open more appointment slots so we can book more residents that are 65+. Harrington has administered their 10,000th dose and 500+ daily at the Southbridge vaccination site.

Between Leslie, Marcia and supporting staff we have 400+ residents that have booked, received the vaccine or are registered. LC suggests we post this information on the town website for our community to see. There is currently no update on our MIS ID# to receive doses to administer to home bound residents. This will be reviewed at the next meeting March 15th.

Current capacity limits are 40% in a restaurant, 50% in stores and gatherings are considered any public or private gatherings indoors or outdoors.

2:20 PM- Other Business- LC questions what normal activities are still taking place in the office.

KL is still doing perc tests, issuing permits and applications. TV is doing routine inspections and permitting. She is working with Pilot on inspecting/permitting as they plan on opening in the near future. Also, currently working on a truck rollover case on interstate 84 that was transporting canned goods. KL(AA) is working with public requests, helping residents pre-register and book covid appointments and putting in a day weekly at the vaccination clinic.

2:24 PM- Recycling Center- A new compactor has been purchased for the recycling center and will be submitted under RDP Grant money.

Adjournment 2:27 PM- LC has motioned for meeting adjourn RV 2nd. AIF