

**TOWN OF STURBRIDGE, MA  
BOARD OF HEALTH**

**Monday, June 15, 2020**

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-virtual-meeting>. For this meeting, members of the public who wish to listen and or watch the meeting may do so 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.

**Meeting held virtually at Veterans Hall Sturbridge Town Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

**Meeting Called to Order: 1:04 pm**

**Quorum Check:** Confirmed

**Members Present:** Linda Cocalis (LC), Chairman                      **Members Absent:** George DeBusk  
Richard Volpe (RV)

**Others Present:** Kenneth Lacey (KL), BOH Agent  
Erin Carson (EC), BOH Administrative Assistant  
Dr. Louis Fazen (LF) Resident  
Alex Weishiet (AW) Representative from KP Law-Town Counsel

**Approval of Minutes:** Tabled

**1:04pm Office and COVID Updates:**

- There are currently five active cases of COVID in Sturbridge. Phase II opened Monday in MA and the BOH Agent worked with many other departments to get establishments in Sturbridge opened. The Health Department had no complaints over the first weekend of being open. There will not be any camps operating this summer in town. The Town's election held on last week also went well.
- Dr. Fazen reports that he visited Teddy G's and everyone was wearing masks and in compliance with regulations. He also reported that there were 360 people on the call with MA Municipal Association.

**1:12pm Motion to appoint Michelle Connors as the Town of Sturbridge Animal Inspector by LC 2<sup>nd</sup> by RV; AIF 2-0**

**1:13pm Review of Building Permit review policy**

- Health Agent does not see a need to review every building permit such as deck, patio, or pergola; if the permit does not pertain to the Health Dept. with septic or well concerns. KL will work on a policy for the BOH to review.

**Executive Session:**

- Executive Session pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, Section 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body. Litigation involving Gary and Margaret Allard's appeal of an enforcement order issued by the Board of Health relative to removal of a beaver dam at the property located at 31 South Shore Drive, and the Chair so declares that having a discussion in open session would have a detrimental effect on the Town's litigating position.

**1:18pm Motion: To enter in to Executive Session. (LC)**

**LC-Yes**

**RV-Yes Vote: 2-0**

**Meeting will not return to open session and will adjourn from Executive Session.**