

**TOWN OF STURBRIDGE, MA**  
**BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**Monday May 24, 2021**  
**Virtual**

**Meeting Called to Order: 2:00 PM**

**Quorum Check:** Confirmed

**Members Present:** Linda Cocalis (LC), Richard Volpe (RV), Dr. Louis Fazen (LF)

**Members Absent:**

**Others Present:**

Jeff Bridges (JB) Town Administrator

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.”

**2:02 PM- Minutes Review** – RV motions to approve April minutes, LC 2nd, AIF.

**2:06 PM- Grease Trap Variance Kaitlin Posocco** – KL – Kaitlin is attending the local farmers market a couple times a month. She wants to have an open cottage kitchen out of her home. She currently has town water and sewer. She is looking to get a variance to have an internal grease trap VS. an external grease trap due to low volume usage. If approved KL and TV would check out the location with an engineer or plumber to determine proper size needed. **RV motions to grant provisional permit variance, LC 2<sup>nd</sup>, AIF.**

**RV Exits at 2:12 PM**

**2:13 PM- Covid update** – KL – Currently the state has 631 new cases with our town being in the single digits. We have had a count of 10 new cases in the past two weeks. We will have to start discussing schedules and reducing contact tracing nurses. May 29<sup>th</sup> the state has planned to lift most requirements. Followed by June 15<sup>th</sup> lifting the state of emergency. This will put us possibly back to in person town meetings. Currently due to renovations because of mold in the basement everything has been moved into the meeting room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the COB building. Meeting planning will need to be done for June 21<sup>st</sup>. Chairman at OSV Charter School has been trying to eliminate masks. This is something that falls under DESE guidelines not the town. We are more than happy to provide contact info for MDPH.

**2:23 PM- Updates-** KL- Farmers market is going to take place this year. We have had a large amount of applicants. TV health inspector has started beach test Monday May 24<sup>th</sup>. Public house is looking into hosting a residential overnight camp for a week or so at a time. KL is going to discuss this with our public health nurse and research the program a little more.

**2:43 PM – Old business- KL- Walker Pond-** Met with David Foss last week pertaining to Walker Pond. Along with the info from Zoto, KL is going to touch base with the DPW. Foss gave recommendations of surface water testing. We can get prices from Microbec and conduct those tests through our revolving funds account. **South Shore Drive-** KL, Alex and Becky are currently working with Mr. Allard.

**3:09 PM – LC motions to meeting adjourn. Fazen 2<sup>nd</sup>. AIF**