

COVID19 Novel Corona Virus Update - MARCH 17, 2020

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News about the Corona virus and its spread continues to change drastically each day, and almost each hour. The Federal Government, the Governor and the State have issued executive orders and guidance on how to deal with this significant health threat, which includes shutting down the schools and many businesses, such as restaurants, gyms, bars and other similar businesses.

The Town is continuing to take steps to protect its residents and employees based on our current knowledge and the information we have received to-date. Therefore, I would like to provide updated information regarding these actions:

The Barkhamsted Senior Center will remain closed until further notice.

The Highway Garage is locked to the general public and people who need to meet with the Highway Department can call the main number – (860) 379-1888. The Community Room will be closed for non-Town functions until further notice.

We have posted signs at Town Hall requesting that anyone with symptoms or who has returned from travel outside the U.S. in the previous 14 days not come into the building. We are asking people to sign in so we have a record of visitors and we insist that everyone use Purell (which we have available) before engaging with Town Hall staff.

While we are considering locking Town Hall like other towns are doing, we have not taken that step as yet. However, we do request that individuals needing service make an appointment. If that is not done, we will ask that you to wait outside until the office you wish to meet with is free. This is being done to minimize the number of people in Town Hall and to avoid office lines.

Tonight's Board of Finance meeting is cancelled and will be rescheduled once we have a clear path to running a virtual meeting, while giving the public an opportunity to observe, and/or ask questions. The Town Budget Hearing and the Town Meetings scheduled for April and May will likely be rescheduled and may also be done through a virtual meeting, but we are still investigating that methodology and to conduct these important meetings in accordance with State Statutes..

Other Town Board meetings will either be canceled or run as a virtual meeting.

The Barkhamsted Historical Society has closed Squire's Tavern until such time as it is deemed safe to reopen.

I hope everyone stays as safe and healthy as possible, and if you need assistance, we have folks in town who have offered to help those in need. If you do need help or are willing to volunteer, please let me know.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Town Hall, 860-379-8285, or email me at dstein@barkhamsted.us.