

COVID-19 Response  
As of March 16th, 2020 8PM

Impacts of the virus crisis are being felt all over town. We are struggling to keep up with the rapid changes and updates.

As of tonight at 8PM, all town buildings will be closed to the general public until further notice. Town Hall phones will be answered during normal business hours at 860-739-6931. Other departments' in the Community Center and other buildings will do the same. I have asked town employees to continue to report to work normally and do their business via phone, regular mail and email. We are confident that we will find workarounds for most of the issues that will come up.

The town Transfer Station will remain open during normal business hours but they have changed the way they do business. The public will not be allowed in the toll house/weigh station. The only form of payment accepted will be credit cards, in addition, town personnel will not be allowed to assist patrons unload their items.

Trash and recycle pick-ups will continue under regular schedules until further notice.

While the Senior Center is closed, transportation for our seniors will continue on a limited basis (medical and grocery only). Those citizens already know the drill...they should contact the Senior Center for further information and to schedule a ride.

There will be NO PUBLIC MEETINGS for any commission for the duration of the Town Hall shutdown. While we are hopeful that we can resume operations by the beginning of next month, we are being told to plan for a longer period of time.

We are hopeful that we will not have to fully shutdown all non-essential town services. However, the rapid pace of the events and cancellations surrounding this has caused our team to begin to prepare for different scenarios. Our town's leadership team and Emergency Operations Center has been busy planning for the possible next steps.

Closings that were previously announced continue and are as follows:

- All public schools, activities including sports. All activities at the schools.
- Park and Rec – suspended all program activities
- Senior Center – all programs and activities including café meals. Meals on Wheels will continue.
- Fire Marshal – prioritizing inspection schedule

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