

April 7, 2020

Dear Neighbors,

Thank you for your support and cooperation during this unprecedented time. We understand that it has been extremely challenging to be confined to your home, have your children home from school, and to have to limit the operation of your business. We expect that with your help, the steps that we have taken locally will help slow the spread of the virus and move us one step closer to returning to our normal lives.

The Town of Scituate is following the latest updates and guidance on Coronavirus (COVID-19) locally, state-wide, and nationally. Our elected officials, town staff and EMA team are staying well informed by participating on daily calls with state officials.

I want to extend a special thank you to our emergency medical services team, firefighters, police officers, and health care workers for their dedicated service to our community. Also, our teachers and school administrators have put in an enormous amount of effort to get ready for distance learning. Our municipal staff, from DPW to the senior center and everyone in between, have all stepped up and are adapting to help our residents.

By now, I'm sure that you're aware that the Financial Town Meeting has been postponed owing to COVID-19 concerns. We're hoping to reschedule the meeting for some time in early June. We've also had to alter the normal schedule for Town Council meetings given restrictions placed on such meetings by the State. To this end, this week's normal meeting will take place later this month and will be held via audio and video conference services. Most other town meetings have been canceled.

Updates on Town Services:

- Town Hall is operating under normal hours but with restrictions. Members of the public are not allowed into the building but can conduct normal business with the use of a drop box located outside the front door of the Town Clerk's office. Please call 401-647-2822, #1 with any questions you may have.
- Property owners can pay their taxes online, mail their payments, or use our drop box located outside the front door of the Tax Collector's office. Please call the Tax Collector's office if you're facing difficulties with the taxes that were due on April 1st.
- The Police Department is providing normal hours of operation as they continue to serve the residents of Scituate with honor and distinction.
- The DPW is working under normal hours to provide necessary services to our town including street sweeping and repairs, normal grounds maintenance and garbage pickup.
- By now, I'm sure you know that we have closed the Senior Center. Our Senior Services team is working hard to deliver meals and provide outreach services for our seniors. You can call 401-647-2662 for assistance and questions.

In closing, I'd like to thank all town residents for their resilience and support in these very challenging times. I'm so very proud of how our community has come together in support of each other. Let's continue to work together in support of those in need as we collectively battle the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sincerely,

James Brady
Scituate Town Council President