

First Selectman's Report

April 7, 2020

COVID-19 Update:

As of noon on April 6th Morris has three confirmed cases of Covid-19 in Town. We sent a mailer out to every mailing address in Morris with information on the pandemic, outlining where residents are able to find up to date information and what to do if they think they may have the virus. The mailing also reinforced the need to stay home and stay safe and to self-quarantine for two weeks if you have come to this area recently.

We have adjusted the staffing at the Town Hall to have one employee in an office at a time if possible and have encouraged work at home where possible. This adjustment in staffing has also affected the Transfer Station where restrictions have been put in place on what may be disposed of for the time being. The Swap Shop has been closed along with demolition, brush and leaves, appliances with Freon, tires and other fee associated items. We will reopen the ability to dispose of these items as soon as we can. The Transfer Station will be closed on Saturdays from 11 am to Noon for the time being and will be closed on Easter Sunday, but will be open on Good Friday. The Town Hall, Senior Center and Library are closed to the public, but employees are available by phone and email to answer your questions. Some offices may be available by appointment.

12systems has donated N-95 masks to the Town which have been distributed to the Fire and EMS departments. The Town also received expired N-95 masks from the State which will be repaired and distributed to the departments as needed. Litchfield Distillery has donated hand sanitizer to the Town, Fire Company and EMS. Thank you to our local business and to our residents for all of your generous donations!

Volunteers in Litchfield and Morris are available to help those in need with grocery and medical deliveries. Residents are encouraged to reach out to the Selectman's Office and the Senior Center to arrange these deliveries. CVS Pharmacy will send non-controlled substances through the mail to residents. Call CVS to arrange for delivery.

The Town food pantry is open for curbside service. Residents need to call Executive Assistant Laurel Gillotti @ 860-567-7430 to arrange. We are always in need of donations to the food pantry, please call before you drop off. Mon-Thursday 8:30-4:30 and Friday 8:30 to Noon.

The First Selectman attends biweekly teleconferences with the Governor and weekly video conferences with the Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security to remain up to date on the latest developments. We are also working with the National Guard to obtain more personal protection equipment. Boards and Commissions will be utilizing Zoom to hold their meetings. The meeting agendas will be posted on the Town website with all the necessary information for the public to attend either by telephone or online.

The Town has signed up with an alert system through Everbridge. This system allows the Town to send out messages either by landline, text or email to all residents that sign up for the service. Please visit our Town website to enroll at townofmorrisct.com.

Highway update: The Highway Department continues their spring work with road sweeping and catch basin repair, brush cutting and crack sealing.

Smokey Hollow Bridge: The bridge construction company expects to be able to start pouring the bridge deck this week. The projected end date is now May 30th. Weekly status meetings are being held by teleconference.

Stay Home, Stay Safe!