March 15, 2020

The Select Board and Board of Health extend the following statement to all employees and the public during this challenging time.

As cases of the COVID-19 Coronavirus continue to increase, it is extremely important that we take measures to protect our employees and residents to reduce the spread of the virus.

During efforts to continue monitoring this situation and prepare to implement plans, we ask for your patience.

Over the past couple of days, and as of Friday, March, 13th, emergency personnel and town officials attended conference calls with the MA Department of Public Health, and Mass. Emergency Management Agency. In addition, communications from Governor Baker and Lt Governor Polito urge officials to take necessary steps to slow the spread of the virus.

The Select Board and Board of Health issue the following guidance:

Effective Monday, March 16, 2020 @ Noon, access to the Town of Southampton government buildings will be closed to the general public. The buildings include the Fire Station, Edwards Library, Highway Department Garage, Police Station, and the Town Offices at Town Hall. These buildings will be locked and the public will not be allowed inside. The closing of government buildings will continue until further notice but will be continually evaluated and updated.

The following are directives from the State and Emergency Management Authorities:

- Seek to hold meetings and hearings remotely, placing caps on the size of public meetings and events, and taking other actions necessary to protect the public and those most vulnerable to the novel coronavirus. The general public will not be allowed to attend Board and Committee meetings.
- Cancel or hold virtually any conferences, seminars and other discretionary gatherings. Employees should not attend external work-related conferences, seminars or events. Discontinue all out-of-state work-related travel.
- Employees who are feeling sick with fever or flu symptoms are not to come into work. Encourage high-risk employees to talk with their supervisors to review possible alternative work assignments.
All employees will continue to work providing essential town functions and services to the public from their department buildings and offices.

You will be able to reach all town departments during this time. All business should be conducted by email, mail, phone, internet, and via the Drop Box outside Town Hall. If business cannot be completed in this manner, and is urgent, please contact the appropriate department to make a special arrangement. A list is below.

All tax payments may be made online at www.townofsouthampton.org/administration/finance/treasurercollector/ or they can be mailed to the Town Treasurer/Collector at 210 College Highway Suite 1, Southampton, MA 01073 or placed in the Drop Box outside the Town Hall main entrance.

Assessors  assessor@townofsouthampton.org  413-527-4741
Board of Health  healthdirector@townofsouthampton.org  413-529-1003
Building Department  building@townofsouthampton.org  413-529-1007
Fire Department  firechief@townofsouthampton.org  413-527-1700
Highway Department  highwaydept@townofsouthampton.org  413-527-3666
Edwards Library  edwards@cwmars.org  413-527-9480
Police Department  chief@southamptonpolice.com  413-527-1120
Select Board  selectmen@townofsouthampton.org  413-529-0106
Senior Center  coadirector@townofsouthampton.org  413-529-2105
Town Accountant  accountant@townofsouthampton.org  413-529-1000
Town Administrator  townadmin@townofsouthampton.org  413-529-0106
Town Clerk  townclerk@townofsouthampton.org  413-527-8392
Treasurer/Collector  treasurer@townofsouthampton.org  413-527-4920
Veteran’s Services  veteransagent@townofsouthampton.org  413-527-1715
Water Department  watersuper@townofsouthampton.org  413-532-4249

The Transfer Station will remain open. However, we ask that you remove your trash and recycling from your vehicle expeditiously, keep safe distances from one another and that you don’t remain on the premises to visit.

We thank you for your understanding as we make decisions to protect the health of our town employees and the public, while we maintain governmental functions under the threat of the Coronavirus.

We will continue to keep you apprised of the situation.

Southampton Select Board & Southampton Board of Health