

CORONAVIRUS (COVID19) UPDATE 04/14

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

As we continue to work through this crisis, I will spend some time talking about safety when we are using outdoor recreation:

- If you are taking walks on the roads in town, please remember to walk against vehicular traffic. If you are on a bicycle, ride with vehicular traffic.
- If you are out in the early morning hours or evening, please wear bright clothing. I have received several reports of near misses.
- If you are enjoying our preserves, trails and walking paths, please remember that your dog must be leashed. It is not only the law; it is the right thing to do for the safety of others. Dog owners must realize that no matter how friendly your dog may be, it can be extremely frightening to others, especially young children and our elderly residents.

Today I am asking for your help. When this crisis is in our rearview mirror, we as a community are going to celebrate. I would love to hear any and all suggestions on how that celebration may take shape. I can be reached at ibrinton@washingtonct.org.

What am I thankful for today? I continue to be thankful to all of our Town employees. A huge shout out to our Town Highway Department. Our team was out clearing trees until 5:00 in the morning following Monday's wind storm. I am also thankful for our citizen volunteers. They continue to eagerly shop and deliver for our townspeople. Continue to stay well and help each other.

The Selectman's office will continue to be staffed on Saturdays from 8:00-12:00. Please feel free to call with any questions or concerns (860) 868-2259.

Thought of the Day: "In time of crisis people want to know that you care, more than they care what you know."

Will Rogers

Thank you to all and stay well.

Jim Brinton First Selectman