



## **CORONAVIRUS (COVID19) UPDATE 04/29**

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

We currently have 18 confirmed COVID-19 cases in town. Please keep a warm thought for all those affected by this pandemic.

As I mentioned last week, Governor Lamont continues to fine tune the protocols for reopening the state. The Town of Washington is in regular (twice weekly) communication with the Governor's office and will follow these protocols. While the numbers at the state and local level are encouraging, it cannot be overstated that this will be a well thought out process that minimizes risk and encourages a safe return to "normal". While we always hope for the best, we continue to plan and prepare for the possibility of a second outbreak later in the year.

This weekend's weather looks very promising. As I mentioned last week, if you plan on visiting one of the Steep Rock preserves, please try to go on off-peak hours. Early morning or later afternoon are the best times to go with the fewest crowds. Please practice social distancing and wear a mask. Our highway department employees along with our local police will be monitoring the preserves this weekend. If you arrive and the preserve is closed, it is due to the fact that it has reached capacity determined by the count of cars currently in the park.

Our shout out this week goes to our local police. They have been doing a great job under difficult circumstances. In addition to their normal work, they have been helping our ambulance and firefighters, monitoring all of our public facilities and even delivering groceries to our residents. Thanks for all you are doing Matt, Pat and Rich.

Thought of the Day: **"I find television very educational. Every time someone turns it on, I go in the other room and read a book".**

**Groucho Marx**

Thank you to all and stay well.

Jim Brinton  
First Selectman