



## **CORONAVIRUS (COVID19) UPDATE 05/14**

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

We are still holding at 18 confirmed COVID-19 cases in town. This is encouraging news as we have not added a new case in more than two weeks. Please continue to observe the COVID-19 protocols already in place. They are for your safety and those around you.

The Governor has set May 20<sup>th</sup> as the date to start phase one of reopening the state. This will be a gradual process with the priority being safety. All of the businesses in town will have the needed guidelines to begin reopening in a safe and responsible manner. Please keep in mind that the decision to open is up to the individual business. As we begin this process, it is now more than ever critical to practice safe distancing, proper hygiene and the use of face masks whenever possible. When visiting a business, please follow the protocols they have put in place.

We will be remembering our veterans differently this coming Memorial Day. All events will be closed to the public. With this in mind, I have contracted local media specialist Larry Milburn. Larry will record all of the events, and we will post the video to the town website as well as the Explore Washington website. Our local veterans will be holding their annual "Chicken-in-a-Box" dinner. Dinners will be available for curbside pick-up beginning at 4:00 PM. Please support our veterans and the American Legion.

Today's shout out goes to our Public Works Department. Kevin Smith and his crew have not only been busy with the everyday work of maintaining our town roads, but they have also taken the added responsibility of doing all of the grocery deliveries for our residents. They have now added working weekends to monitor the preserves of Steep Rock. Well done guys and thank you!

Thought of the Day: **"I would maintain that thanks are the highest form of thought, and that gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder."** – *G.K. Chesterton*

Thank you to all and stay well.

Jim Brinton  
First Selectman