



## CORONAVIRUS (COVID19) UPDATE 05/29

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

We have added only one new confirmed case of COVID-19 in the past five weeks. I would urge everyone to continue being vigilant, practice social distancing, and wear a mask whenever social distancing is not possible. We have come this far; we must not let up now. As the State and the Town continue to reopen in a safe and responsible manner, please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

A few updates:

- The Steep Rock preserves continue to draw large crowds. Please consider a hike during off-peak hours. Many times on the weekends the preserves close as they reach capacity. It is no secret that I love animals. It is also common knowledge that every dog owner's dog "would never do that!". Please keep your dog leashed at all times if you are in the preserves. It is for everyone's safety.
- The Town Beach will remain closed as we continue to evaluate the phase one reopening of Washington. If all goes well, it is my intention to reevaluate and have the beach opened for June 20<sup>th</sup>. There will certainly be some changes in protocols, and I will make those known in a future update.
- Our Long-Term Recovery Committee continues to form their method of outreach to all segments of our population. We will be sending out questionnaires to residents, businesses, non-profits and educational institutions. Please take the time to fill out these brief surveys. It will give us valuable information to help with any unmet needs.

Today's shout out goes to all of our Clergy in town. Throughout this crisis, they have continued to provide spiritual support, inspiring messages, direct contacts to all of our residents in need and even coordinate food drives that have kept the food pantries filled. Thank you for all you do!

Thought of the day: **"In a conflict between the heart and the brain, follow your heart."**  
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Thank you to all and stay well.

Jim Brinton  
First Selectman