



A Message from the desk of the Plymouth Town Administrator

March 2020

Thank you to all who came out for town meeting.

I reached out to Spear Memorial Hospital's CEO, Michelle McEwen and asked for someone to come speak at town meeting in regard to the COVID19 outbreak. Dr. Joe Ebner was present and gave a very good and informative talk on this subject. Dr. Ebner has also agreed to do a Public Service Announcement (PSA) with PBTV which will happen on Thursday, March 19, 2020. Two members of our Select Board, Bill Bolton and Maryann Barnsley also filmed a PSA this morning, Tuesday, March 17, 2020. These PSAs can be viewed on the Town's webpage at plymouth-nh.org.

The Town's Health Officer has temporarily ordered all town offices be closed to the public until further notice and we apologize for the inconvenience but this is for your protection as well as ours. Our First Responders (Police and Fire) will still be fully staffed at regular staffing levels and will respond to your needs as necessary. The Recycling Center is open on regular days to take trash and recyclables only at this point.

If you need **anything** please don't hesitate to call our office at 536-1731.

Concord, NH - Today, Governor Chris Sununu issued Emergency

Orders 3, 4, and 5, which will provide relief for Granite Staters affected by COVID-19.

"Tough decisions have been made at the state level, but we will get through this together," said Governor Chris Sununu. "Seeing what the lack of an appropriate response has resulted in around the world requires that we make some difficult decisions here in New Hampshire to ensure we stem the tide of this worldwide pandemic within our own communities. We are taking steps to help Granite Staters, ensuring they have the support and services for themselves, their families, and their businesses throughout this crisis."

Emergency Order #3: All providers of electric, gas, water, telephone, cable, VOIP, internet service, and deliverable fuel services will be prohibited from disconnecting or discontinuing service for non-payments for the duration of the State of Emergency.

Emergency Order #4: Landlords will not be allowed to start eviction proceedings for those unable to pay due to their financial situations. To do so would be against the law. All judicial and non-judicial foreclosure actions will also be prohibited during the state of emergency.

Emergency Order #5: Individuals who are unable to work or who have reduced hours due to the COVID-19 pandemic will have immediate access to unemployment benefits. Anyone in the following situations will now be eligible for state unemployment: If your employer temporarily closes due to COVID-19;

Coming Soon:
Market Basket,
Market Basket,
And yes, you
guessed it
Market
Basket!

The long
awaited
Market Basket
is set for an
opening date of
March 28, 2020.

We hope that this
is still the opening
date. We
understand the
shelves are
stocked and we
will keep you
informed on
Market Basket.

Individuals that need to self-quarantine or are directed to quarantine at the instruction of a health care provider, employer or government official; Individuals that need to care for a family member that has COVID-19 or is under quarantine; Individuals that need to care for a dependent because of school closures, child care facility closures or other similar types of care programs; Self-employed individuals that are temporarily unable to operate their business because of any of the above listed situations will also be eligible.

Individuals will need to file for each week of temporary unemployment and all of this can and should be done online at <http://www.nhes.nh.gov>, or by calling . People can do all of this online from your home internet connection or your phone without ever having to go into a state office. The website to access is <http://www.nhes.nh.gov> and the phone number to call is 603-271-7700.

Governor Chris Sununu also officially submitted a request that the Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration provide SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans to small businesses across -New Hampshire.

We will continue to post updates on the town's website as we receive them

After Testifying in Concord, in regards to the realignment of the intersection of Highland Street and Old Ward Bridge Road, the House Committee has voted to return the application to the 2022 start date in the NHDOT Ten Year Plan. This is a very positive step for the Town.

A roundabout or traffic light (roundabout preferred) is in the works with the State and Lakes Region Planning Commission to be added to the next Ten Year Plan. Continued letters of support for this much needed project are appreciated and can be mailed to Plymouth Town Hall 6 Post Office Square Plymouth, NH 03264.

The Economic Development Team is scheduled to hold their first meeting on April 22nd (Pandemic pending). This meeting will be for brainstorming and input from the public prior to this meeting as to what you would like to see come to Plymouth would be greatly appreciated. You can email your thoughts to me at townadmin@plymouth-nh.org.

The Town also recently signed a new Life Safety Service Agreement (LSSA) with Plymouth State University (PSU) with an addendum to include some additional items which brought the agreement to a half million dollars. The Town thanks PSU for this and hopes to continue to work on rebuilding the Town/Gown relationship.

I hope my next Newsletter comes with more positive updates and information.

Please feel free to contact us anytime by email at townhall@plymouth-nh.org or by telephone at 536-1731. Our professional, friendly staff is readily available to take your calls or emails.

Be Happy, Be Healthy



