

Emergency Operations Center of the Town of Westhampton

Notes from meeting March 30, 2020 held via ZOOM

Topic: Coronavirus, COVID-19 Pandemic

Present:

Phil Dowling, Selectboard Chair

Maureen Dempsey, Selectboard Clerk

Teri Anderson, Selectboard

Dave White, Chief of Police

Floyd Fisher, Police Sergeant

Dave Antosz, Fire Chief

Mark Gould, Emergency Services Coordinator

Steve Holt, Emergency Management Director

Bill Jablonski, Highway Dept. Superintendent

Tom Martin, Board of Health Chair

Robbie Armenti, Board of Health

David Blakesley, Board of Health

Cheryl Provost, Administrative Assistant

Tom Cleary, Finance Committee Chair

Reviewed updated information received from various state agencies.

Heard reports of departments:

Fire Department-working on obtaining PPE for first responders and EMT's. First responders and EMS responding to calls will remain outside and communicate through a door or window while waiting for ambulance when possible. Wiping down equipment after runs and trying to keep distance.

Emergency Management Director contacted MEMA and asked protocol for supplying food.

Emergency Medical Services responding to calls. Working on obtaining PPE, received gloves from Easthampton EMS Coordinator and been receiving donations of masks and some gowns. EMS staff reduced to a couple on call. Phil has Tyvek suits available. All PPE items are to be secured in a safe location for Emergency Services; some are to be furnished to the Fire Dept. for Engine 1.

Highway Department staff is keeping distant, cleaning, and limiting the sharing of equipment. Operating with two staff at this time.

Admin- Council On Aging continues to seek guidance on grocery and food supplies to seniors. Coordinator requested to join future EOC meetings. Seniors and others sheltered in place

should first seek family members to assist with shopping. Programs are available through regional organizations and groups, which information will be shared.

Board of Health-Foothills Health District signed a grant contract with the commonwealth for \$50,000. An MOU signed with Northampton in connection with the grant enables the district to utilize services to track Covid-19 cases. Expect an arising need for food supply and delivery.

There is pending legislation for "Air B & B" business. Campground season begins in two weeks; they are not classified as essential service. Board of Health has not permitted Windy Acres to open for the season yet.

Selectboard-schools in the Hampshire Regional District are sending out surveys to gather information on the status of students on the meal program to assist those in need. Covid-19 account set up requires funding from Reserve Fund, Finance Committee meets April 7. Invoices will go through the Administrative Assistant for processing. Assessor Assistant working remotely. Accountant will begin to work remotely Tuesday. Notice to be sent to departments providing directions to process payment vouchers. Selectboard meeting to follow with Covid-19 action on agenda. In need of a list of seniors sheltered in.

Next meeting 6pm, April 6, 2020

Respectfully Submitted, Cheryl Provost