

**MINUTES – EMERGENCY SELECTMEN’S MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2021 AT 3:00 P.M.
REMOTE MEETING**

Present: Michael G. Bradley, Chairman, Christopher R. Rohland, Vice-Chair, Steven R. Darcy, Clerk, Michael A. Maresco, Town Administrator and Patrick Dello Russo, Treasurer/Collector

Mr. Bradley moved, seconded Mr. Rohland to open the emergency meeting at 3:00 p.m. The vote was unanimous. Mr. Bradley –aye, Mr. Rohland – aye, Mr. Darcy – aye.

Mr. Bradley mentioned that the purpose of this meeting was to discuss and vote on the potential closure of Town buildings to the public and asked Mr. Maresco to explain.

Mr. Maresco stated the following facts: There are now 219 confirmed cases of Covid-19 since December 24th, the schools are closed for 2 weeks and school sports are canceled for 2 weeks. Mr. Maresco further explained that as of December 10th, the Town has been in the Red Zone (so many cases per 100k), positivity rate as of December 31st is 8,42% and total positive cases 14 days prior to New Year’s Eve was 193. Mr. Maresco also stated that there are 868 confirmed cases since March 17, 2020 and 28 deaths to date.

Mr. Maresco intimated that in an abundance of caution he was asking the Board to discuss and vote on the closure of the Town’s buildings for two weeks beginning on Thursday, January 7, 2021 and opening again on January 25, 2021. Mr. Maresco also noted that this decision is supported by the Chairman of the Board of Health. Mr. Maresco explained that services would continue to be provided at Town Hall at the first floor windows, the kiosk and online and that residents will be required to wear their masks at the windows.

Mr. Maresco noted the buildings affected by the closure would be: Town Hall, Library, Senior Center and Recreation Department. Mr. Maresco also noted that the Senior Center would continue Meals on Wheels, the Library would continue to provide book drop-off and pick-up and that the closure would not affect the Transfer Station or Police and Fire operations.

Mr. Maresco explained that employees not in the office would be working from home as he and the Treasurer/Collector had outfitted employees with equipment months ago so that they could work from home.

Mr. Maresco commented that there is good news in that the First Responders will begin to get their vaccines starting next week and that they have partnered up with nearby Towns. Mr. Maresco noted that the First Responders will have to make appointments with regard to insurance information and that they will have to be monitored after they have a shot to make sure there is no adverse reaction. The Selectmen all agreed that it made sense to close the buildings to the public for the protection of the residents and employees.

Mr. Bradley moved, seconded by Mr. Rohland to close the Town Buildings starting tomorrow, January 7, 2021 and to reopen with limited hours to the public on January 25, 2021. The vote was unanimous. Roll call vote: Mr. Bradley – aye, Mr. Rohland – aye, Mr. Darcy – aye. Mr. Bradley moved seconded by Mr. Rohland to adjourn the meeting at 3:12 p.m. The vote was unanimous. Roll call vote: Mr. Bradley – aye, Mr. Rohland – aye, M. Darcy- aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Wiedemann

Documents and exhibits presented at this meeting: There were none.