



Memorandum

To: Belmont Residents, Businesses, and Taxpayers

From: Board of Selectmen

Date: April 3, 2020

As you know the Town Hall, Corner Meeting House, Belmont Mill, Sargent Park, Belmont Library, and the Bandstand were closed to the public on or about March 18th due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the declaration of a State of Emergency by the Governor of our State. Additionally, on March 28th, the Governor issued an order to “Stay at Home”, which effected many businesses that were designated as non-essential. While local governments were specifically not covered under this order, the Board of Selectmen felt it was important to be fiscally responsible and to look closely at the reduction in workload resulting from the closures. As a result, we made the difficult decision to either partially or fully furlough some Town employees during the “Stay at Home” order and building and department closures. This decision was not made lightly; we hope that through these efforts we can limit the need to borrow money while still meeting the essential needs of the Town and also address the very important need to provide social distancing between staff working in the building. In addition, we have asked all departments to limit spending to essential needs while we weather this pandemic.

We appreciate your patience during these very difficult times and we understand the challenges of using online applications and emails to conduct business, but we will continue to do our best to meet your needs and we look forward to being once again “open for business”.

Thank you,

Belmont Board of Selectmen

Ruth Mooney, Jon Pike and Claude “Sonny” Patten