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Advisory #35

Friday, April 17, 2020

To the Residents of Kingston,

This afternoon the Massachusetts Department of Public Health announced that there were 2,577 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in Plymouth County. This represents an increase of 111 confirmed cases from yesterday's count of 2,466. **Earlier today, the VNA informed Kingston's Health Agent of 9 additional confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in the Town of Kingston, bringing the Town's total number of confirmed positive cases to 29.** Our Health Agent and Public Safety Officers will continue to monitor these local cases. Due to privacy requirements, the demographics of these cases will remain anonymous.

Kingston's Emergency Management Team and Board of Health would like to remind you that this is a crucial time for infection control. Maintaining social distancing, limiting exposure to others, avoiding crowded places, and vigilant hand washing are vital steps in slowing the spread of this disease.

Kingston's Emergency Management Team met today to discuss the Town's ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Chief Douglass shared that earlier today the Kingston Fire Department received one month's supply of personal protective equipment (PPE) for the Kingston Fire Department and the Kingston Police Department. This additional PPE will supplement what we are currently receiving from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) on an as-needed basis.

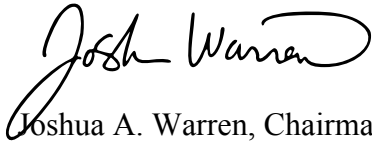
On today's call the Emergency Management Team discussed a request made by the Kingston Farmers Market to work with the Town on a "Pick-Up Market" scheduled for Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Commonwealth has deemed farmers markets as essential businesses during the ongoing public health crisis, and has provided guidelines on how to operate them safely and responsibly amidst this pandemic. In an effort to support local businesses, local farmers, and residents who rely on farmers markets for fresh local produce, we will continue the conversation next week to see how we can support their request.

Paula Rossi-Clapp reported to the group that earlier today the Friends of the Kingston Council on Aging was awarded a Community Impact Grant from the Eversource Foundation. In their announcement, Eversource's Community Relations & Economic Development representative stated, "I am excited to share that Eversource has offered their support to the Friends of the Kingston Council on Aging with a contribution in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Eversource is committed to supporting our community during this difficult time, and also recognizes the important contributions that the Council makes to those in need. We value the work the FKCOA does in Kingston, especially during this pandemic, and we wish them the very best for continued success." We look forward to seeing how the Friends of the Kingston Council on Aging will utilize this grant to support Kingston's seniors.

Also earlier today PACTV aired a live COVID-19 Update for Kingston residents. The program featured Sergeant Detective Michael Skowrya, Director of Elder Affairs Paula Rossi-Clapp, and Eric Greer of the Restoration Community Church. Today's update will be replayed on Kingston's government channels (Comcast 14 and Verizon 42) and we will provide a link to today's update on the Town's website as soon as it becomes available.

Please continue to visit [www.kingstonmass.org](http://www.kingstonmass.org) for daily updates from Kingston's Emergency Management Team, as well as links to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) websites.

Wishing you all a safe and healthy weekend,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Josh Warren". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

Joshua A. Warren, Chairman  
Board of Selectmen