

**Board of Selectmen's Meeting
March 12, 2020 – 8:20 AM
Town Administrator's Office
155 Village Street**

Present: John Foresto, Chair; Glenn Trindade, Vice Chair; Dennis Crowley, Clerk; Maryjane White, Member.

Absent: Richard D'Innocenzo, Member.

Staff Present: Michael Boynton, Town Administrator; Allison Potter, Assistant Town Administrator.

At 8:20 AM Selectman Foresto called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Discussion: Covid-19 State of the Town

Town Administrator Boynton updated the Board on the current status of the Town's emergency planning as a result Covid-19. He stated he has received e-mails from Town Counsel regarding Board of Health departments in other locations who have overstepped their authority regarding quarantine and isolation protocols. He stated that the Board of Health along with the Board of Selectmen must vote to shut down, for example, the Senior Center. He noted that the School Committee has full jurisdiction over the schools. He reported that the Saint Patrick's Day lunch at the Senior Center has been cancelled. He noted that both the towns of Needham and Brookline have closed their Senior Center and library stating that we are not at that point yet. He is having a department head meeting at 10:00 AM this morning to ask the department managers to create an essential employee work plan noting that payroll, public safety, and water treatment will be staffed. He reported a discussion with the Finance Committee at their meeting last evening regarding the potential cost impact related to Covid-19. He stated the potential financial impacts would be on local receipts and Norfolk County Retirement due to the trending stock market. He stated there has been a lot of planning with the department heads and Fire and Police Chiefs to date. He stated we may need an emergency Selectmen's meeting should we need to close the Senior Center. The Board suggested a Facebook live video in conjunction with the Superintendent and they also offered that a Selectman could participate if needed. Selectman Foresto suggested utilizing Medway Cable Access for this purpose. Town Administrator Boynton stated that the Town is not taking any unilateral action not sanctioned by governor's office and state department of public health but noted that, based on their changing recommendations, this may involve limiting Town Hall services. Town Administrator Boynton stated that he does not want to overload residents with too much information or any conflicting information noting he will get this information out to residents today.

At 8:40 AM, Selectman Trindade moved to adjourn. Selectman White seconded. VOTE: 4-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Langley
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Town Administrator's Office