

Town of Goshen, Massachusetts Declaration of a State of Emergency

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 virus presents unique and unprecedented challenges for public health and safety that will significantly impact the entire Commonwealth and the Town of Goshen; and

WHEREAS, the Head of State upon advice of the Director of the Town's Office of Emergency Management and the Chair of the Board of Health has determined that the aforesaid incident poses a present and reasonable imminent danger to public health, safety or general welfare of the people of Goshen or their property so that it has become necessary for the Director and Chair to utilize and coordinate the services, equipment, supplies and facilities of existing departments, offices and agencies of the Town for the purposes of civil defense/emergency management, public health and the emergency functions; and


WHEREAS, the Head of State has determined that immediate public action is needed to prevent, minimize or mitigate damage to the public health, safety or general welfare of the people of Goshen or their property which may otherwise result from the above described incident and that taking the time required to comply with the various state and local procurement laws would endanger the health or safety of the people or their property; and

WHEREAS, the Head of State has recommended that a state of emergency be declared in the Town of Goshen, and

WHEREAS, the people of the Town of Goshen should be able to depend upon guidance from their chief executive officer,

NOW THEREFORE, I, Angela Otis, Chair of the Select Board of Goshen, Massachusetts, hereby declare that as of 1:00 pm on March 14, 2020 a state of emergency exists in the Town of Goshen. This declaration of emergency shall remain in effect until notice is given, pursuant to my judgment that the state of emergency no longer exists.

Date: March 14, 2020



Angela Otis
Chair, Board of Selectmen
Town of Goshen, Massachusetts