COVID-19 Statement

On behalf of our colleagues, the Board of Selectmen and Board of Health extend the following statement to all employees and the public during this challenging time.

As cases of the COVID-19 Coronavirus continue to increase, it is extremely important we take measures to protect our employees and citizens to reduce the spread of the virus.

While we continue monitoring the situation, we ask for your patience.

Over the past couple of days, and as of Friday, March, 13th, emergency personnel and town officials attended conference calls with the MA Department of Public Health, and Mass. Emergency Management Agency. In addition, communications from Governor Baker and Lt Governor Polito are urging officials to take necessary steps to slow the spread of the virus.

The School Administration has cancelled classes until March 27th. The central office will be open to staff and teachers from March 18th to March 27th.

The Board of Selectmen and Board of Health issues the following guidance:

- Effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020, access to municipal public buildings will be closed to the public until further notice. Business can be conducted by telephone or email. Please visit the Town’s website www.townofhatfield.org for further information. Payments may be made by mail or online.
- Seek to hold meetings and hearings remotely, placing caps on the size of public meetings and events, and taking other actions to protect the public and those most vulnerable to the novel coronavirus
- Cancel or hold virtually any conferences, seminars and other discretionary gatherings
- Employees should not attend external work-related conferences, seminars or events
- Employees who are feeling sick with fever or flu symptoms are not to come into work
- Encourage high-risk employees to talk with their supervisors to review possible alternative work assignments
- Discontinue all out-of-state work-related travel

The Board of Selectmen will be meeting Monday evening, March 16th, to discuss further appropriate action. As the situation changes, we will continue to provide you with updated information.
Questions may be directed to the Town Clerk at 247-9200, extension 112 or Town Administrator at 247-9200, extension 100.

Stay safe and healthy.

Brian F. Moriarty, Chair
Board of Selectmen

Kerry Flaherty, Chair
Board of Health