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TOWN OF WHATELY MASSACHUSETTS

SELECTBOARD

March 10, 2021

ORDER REOPENING TOWN BUILDINGS TO THE PUBLIC FOR LIMITED HOURS AND APPOINTMENTS ONLY

This Order supersedes the Emergency Order Closing Town Buildings to the Public Except by Appointment Only adopted by the Selectboard on December 9, 2020.

COVID19 continues to be a public health threat to our community and will likely continue to be a health risks into the foreseeable future. The public health risk around COVID19 appears to be reducing, vaccinations are currently available to higher risk groups, and the Commonwealth has taken steps to lessen restrictions. Much has been learned about the virus and how it is transmitted over the past twelve months and safety standards have been developed to allow the safe resumption of a limited number of municipal services and activities. If the public health metrics, currently trending in a positive direction, reverse course the Selectboard will take further action to protect town employees, volunteers and residents by once again closing town buildings. The safety of town residents, town employees and town volunteers are of the utmost importance to the Selectboard as we all attempt to find a new and safe way to provide services to residents.

Therefore, the Whately Selectboard hereby rescinds *it Emergency Order Closing Town Buildings to the Public Except by Appointment Only* adopted by the Selectboard on December 9, 2020 and orders the following to be effective on March 1, 2021:

While Town buildings are reopened on a limited basis, please consider continuing to do business with the Town by email, mail, phone, internet and via the drop box outside the Town Offices to further protect your health and safety and that of town employees and town volunteers

- 1) **All persons are required to wear face coverings in all public locations, including but not limited to all public streets, all public sidewalks, all public parking lots, all public parks, and all public buildings (interior and exterior), unless a medical or other disabling condition applies. Persons**

unable to wear a face covering are asked to call ahead before entering a public building so alternative arrangements can be made for their safety and the safety of our employees/volunteers.

- 2) **All town buildings are closed for in-person services without an appointment, except for the Town Offices and the S. White Dickinson Library as described below.**
 - a) **Town Offices:** The front service window at the Town Offices will be open to the public for four (4) hours, from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon, on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday or by appointment only. Department contact information is provided below.
 - b) **S. White Dickinson Library:** The library will be open for curbside pick-up and drop off and for in-person browsing by appointment only at the discretion of the Library Trustees. Department contact information is provided below.
- 3) **All town buildings are closed to in-person public meetings. All boards and committees that need to meet must continue to do so remotely.** (Please see the Second Guidance on Holding Meetings for Town Departments, Boards, Committees, and Commissions adopted by the Selectboard on November 18, 2020 for additional information).
- 4) **The Town Hall is closed to all boards, committees and commissions and the public until further notice.** The portion of the Town Hall leased to the Whately Historical Society may reopen subject to appropriate COVID19 protocols.
- 5) **The Transfer Station is open for normal hours subject to appropriate COVID19 protocols.** Face coverings and social distancing are required at all times.
- 6) **Herlihy Field is available for use consistent with the guidance from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.** Additional information on municipal parks and youth sports can be found here <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/executive-office-of-energy-and-environmental-affairs-eea-covid-19-guidance-documents#youth-and-adult-amateur-sports-activities->

Town of Whately – Department Contact Information

Assessors	assessors@whately.org	413-665-4400 ext. 4
Board of Health – Foothills Health District	boardofhealth@whately.org	(413) 268-8404
Building Inspector	JHawkins@frcog.org	413-774-3167 ext. 113
Fire Department	fire@whately.org	413-478-0873
Highway Department	highway@whately.org	413-665-2983
S. White Dickinson Library	library@whately.org	413-665-2170
Police Department	j.sevigne@whately.org	413-625-8200
Selectboard -Town Administrator	townadmin@whately.org	413-665-4400 ext. 1

South County Senior Center	scsc@town.deerfield.ma.us	413-665-2141
Town Accountant	DLaPlante@frcog.org	413-665-4400 ext. 1
Town Clerk	townclerk@whately.org	413-665-4400 ext. 3
Treasurer/Collector	treasurer-collector@whately.org	413-665-4400 ext. 2
Upper Pioneer Valley Veterans District	timothy.niejadlik@greenfield-ma.gov	413-772-1571
Water Department	water@whately.org	413-665-3080