



**TOWN OF WHATELY
MASSACHUSETTS**

SELECTBOARD

May 27, 2020

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

This order supersedes the Emergency Order Restricting Public Access to Town Buildings adopted by the Selectboard of March 16, 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 and the Commonwealth has taken steps to begin re-opening certain sectors of the economy with restrictions meant to keep people safe and to limit the spread of COVID19. Much has been learned about the virus and how it is transmitted over the past two 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 its Emergency Order Restricting Public Access to Town Building adopted on March 16, 2020 and orders the following:

- All persons are required to wear masks when entering all Town buildings, unless a medical exemption applies. If you are unable to wear a mask please call ahead so alternative arrangements can be made for your safety and the safety of our employees/volunteers.
- 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, Wednesday and Thursday of each week beginning on June 1, 2020. If a party (where party means members of a household unit) is at the service window when a second or more party(ies) arrives, the second party shall wait outside until the first party is finished and has left the building. Other times may be available by appointment by contacting the appropriate office. The Assessor's Office and Town Administrator are available by advanced appointment only.
- The Highway Department, Fire Department and Water Department are available to transact business by advanced appointment only.
- The Police Department (lobby) will be open for regular hours. It is recommended that you call or email to setup an appointment in advance before coming to the Police Station. For contact information see below.
- The Transfer Station shall continue to operate with already implemented COVID19 protocols in place. Please wear a mask, observe social distancing and keep discussions with the attendant and others to a minimum.

- The S. White Dickinson Library will offer curbside pickup and drop-off of library materials beginning on June 1, 2020. Please contact the library for more information about this service. The library building will remain closed to the public until further notice. For contact information see below.
- All Town buildings remain unavailable for in-person public meetings. All boards and committees that need to meet must continue to do so remotely and the remote meeting access information shall be provided along with the meeting agenda to the Town Clerk for posting. (Please see the Guidance on Holding Meetings for Town Departments, Boards, Committees, and Commissions adopted by the Selectboard on March 17, 2020 for additional information).
- The Town Hall shall remain closed to all boards and committees and to the public until further notice.
- Herlihy Field will be available for use consistent with the guidance from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Reopening Plan. Additional information on municipal parks and youth sports can be found here <https://www.mass.gov/doc/outdoor-recreation-task-force-presentation-5-18-20/download>. Currently in Phase I, Herlihy Field is open for passive recreation and no-contact sports with bleachers and dugouts remaining closed; no pick-up games, organized games or tournaments are allowed. Herlihy Field is closed to organized youth sports in Phase I.

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 Office building. Contact information for non-emergencies is provided below.

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| 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 |

We remind you that for any and all emergencies (police, fire, ambulance) please call 911 for immediate assistance.

We thank you for your understanding and patience as we all navigate this difficult period of time together.

WHATELY SELECTBOARD


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