Advisory #79

Wednesday, June 3, 2020

To the Residents of Kingston,

This afternoon the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) announced there are 8,243 cases of COVID-19 in Plymouth County. DPH is now reporting both confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases and deaths. This change is in accordance with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control to include “probable” COVID-19 cases and deaths in data collection and reporting efforts. The Town of Kingston will continue to report out the number of confirmed positive cases of COVID-19. As of this afternoon the Town of Kingston’s total number of confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 remains at 94. Of the Town’s total number of confirmed positive cases, 51 are from one facility. Our Health Agent and Public Safety Officers will continue to monitor these local cases. Due to privacy requirements, the demographics of these cases will remain anonymous.

These graphs are a visual companion to the numbers we have been reporting each day.
Kingston’s Emergency Management Team met today to discuss the Town’s ongoing response to COVID-19. Fire Chief Mark Douglass notified the group he continues to work on a comprehensive safety plan for Kingston’s Annual Town Meeting, which is scheduled for Saturday, June 13th at 9:00 AM at the Kingston Intermediate School. Chief Douglass is hoping to have the safety plan finalized and ready to share on the Town’s website by Friday, June 5th. He, along with members of the reopening task force, will be meeting with Recreation Director Sue Woodworth tomorrow regarding the opening of Kingston’s sports fields.

Director of Elder Affairs Paula Rossi-Clapp shared that she is in continued conversations with AARP in an effort to resume their volunteer tax services for seniors. Paula will be working with members of the reopening task force to try and find a way to offer this service safely and responsibly in light of the ongoing public health crisis.

The Kingston Town House is still on schedule to reopen to the public by appointment on Monday, June 8th. If you would like to schedule an appointment to meet with staff in the building, please call the appropriate department to make those arrangements. Department phone numbers will be posted on the doors, and can be found at www.kingstonmass.org. If visiting the Town House, please adhere to the posted rules and traffic flow signage.

With the Town House scheduled to reopen to the public on Monday, June 8th, new shellfishing licenses will be required effective July 1st. Instructions for obtaining a new license can be found on the Harbormaster’s page of the Town’s website.

Thank you for your continued efforts to mitigate the spread of COVID-19,

Joshua A. Warren, Chairman
Board of Selectmen