



PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION OF THE TOWN OF WELLS DECLARING AN EMERGENCY ON COVID 19 PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, COVID-19, a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death, is caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which is a new strain of coronavirus that had not been previously identified in people and can easily spread from person to person; and

WHEREAS, The CDC identifies the potential public health threat posed by COVID-19 both globally and in the United States as “high” and has advised that person to person spread of COVID-19 will continue to occur globally, including within the United States; and

WHEREAS, On January 31, 2020, US Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Azar declared a public health emergency for COVID-19, beginning on January 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, The CDC currently indicates there are over 100,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19 worldwide with over 1,000 of those cases in the US and has confirmed localized person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in the other five New England States, significantly increasing the risk of exposure and infection to the general public and creating an extreme public health risk that may spread quickly as we move into spring with tourist and second home owners visiting Wells; and

WHEREAS, The worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 and the effects of its extreme risk of person-to-person transmission throughout the US presents a significant impact to people’s lives and health and is a public health disaster that affects life, health, property or the public peace; and

WHEREAS, Governor Mills has declared a statewide Civil Emergency on Corvid-19 and is monitoring the transmission of the virus; and

WHEREAS, emergency planning is occurring in Wells and in collaboration with the State CDC, State Government and the County of York, and

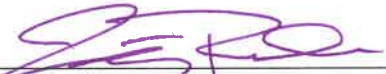
WHEREAS, after consultation with the Town Manager who has been meeting with his EMA Director, Department Heads, Utility, the Wells / Ogunquit CSD, YCCC and York Hospital, The Wells Board of Selectmen has determined it is necessary to issue a Proclamation of Emergency to facilitate access to resources and to modify policies and procedures intended to reduce potential exposure to COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE The Wells Board of Selectmen pursuant to Chapter 14 – Emergency Management in the Wells Municipal Code, do hereby proclaim that a State of Emergency exists in the Town of Wells, and direct the Town Manager to implement emergency procedures and purchases as deemed necessary to protect the spread of COVID 19 and the implementation of State and County emergency procedures and actions required.

Given under our hands this 17th day of March, 2020

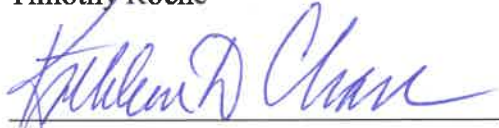


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