TOWN OF WARE

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Town Manager Updates
April 7, 2020

Projects: (DPW director to give updates)

73 West Main Street. After the fire early Monday morning, the site has been secured with new fence. Bids for the removal of the debris have been updated based on the new conditions. Bids are due next Tuesday.

The Board of Registrars voted to postpone the Town election. The Board, Town Clerk and Town Manager with recommendation for the Board of Health are to select a new election date, that is required to be before June 30.

The State Legislature has been very active in approving legislation to help towns and residents fiscally and administratively. Timelines related to permits have been put on hold until after the state of emergency is lifted. This reduces the pressure for regulatory boards to meet. Per the attached request from the Treasurer-Collector to extend the dates for payment of property taxes and filing of exemptions to June 1st, and to waive interest and fees on sewer, water, and motor vehicle bills if paid by June 30th.

Host Community Agreement expenditure. I have reached out to Curaleaf and other small communities for practices related to determining the expenditure of marijuana receipts from the HCA. I will be able to present a process at the next meeting. Additionally, Curaleaf would like to present to the Board the possibility of changing the HCA to allow for the sale of medical marijuana.

Coronavirus: Closures have been extended to May 4 on all buildings. Employees are working to be safe distances, sanitizing, The Health Department website now includes instructions on how to make facemasks from a variety of materials. The CDC now indicates the benefit to wearing a cloth mask when around other people. Social distance of at least 6 feet and hand washing remain key actions for everyone.