



Code Red Call 6/3/2020

Good Afternoon. This is Jim Smith, your Town Manager. The Town of Sutton and its residents have stepped up in this unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic and responded. Thank you for doing your part. As of June 3, there are 50 confirmed cases in town. The Board of Health is working to trace cases, so please answer your phone if the call is from the Sutton Board of Health, Sutton Schools or the MASS COVID Team.

The town is embracing the re-opening phases as prescribed by the state. Town hall staff are working on staggered shifts in the office. Board meetings are held virtually and we are implementing new safety policies. Our plan is to open to the public by appointment only on Monday, June 8th. In addition, we are pleased to announce transfer station stickers will be available to purchase online June 8th at Suttonma.org or by dropbox and mail on June 8th.

In addition, I wanted to inform you of three important upcoming events.

On Thursday, June 4th, the Sutton Public Schools will celebrate the graduating Class of 2020 with a Rolling Rally through the town. We hope to see you on the route wearing green, cheering and, of course, socially distanced! Details are on both the school and town webpages and social media. Only graduates and their families will be allowed on the school grounds.

The spring town meeting is rescheduled to Monday, June 22, 2020 at 7pm and will be held in the Sutton Middle/High School auditorium. The warrant is 13 articles and includes the operating budget and reduced capital plan to allow the town to continue to operate and provide services. This is a scaled back town meeting. All non -essential items are postponed until a later date, including the sewer project from the villas to the schools, all planning and zoning articles and purchasing 6 acres on Waters Road. Social distancing and masks will be required. Doors will open at 6:30pm for check-in.

Finally, the Town Election is rescheduled to Tuesday, June 23 from 12 noon until 4pm. There are no contested races in this election. Precinct 1 & 3 will vote at the Sutton High and Middle School gymnasiums. Precinct 2 voters should report to Manchaug Fire Station. Voter registration deadline for this election is June 11th. Early voter and absentee ballots are highly encouraged and available by contacting the Town Clerk's office via email or calling 508-865-8725. The poll hours and staff have been reduced so wait times may be longer than normal. Please feel free to bring your own black pen. Social distancing will be utilized and masks required unless medically excused.

Thank you for your continued resilience and patience. Please continue to wear masks, maintain social distance and wash your hands. We will get through this together.

Please visit www.suttonma.org .

Thank you and be safe.

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