



Town of West Newbury

Board of Selectmen

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EMERGENCY DECLARATION

WHEREAS, a sudden, generally unexpected occurrence or set of circumstances demanding immediate public action has arisen within the Town of West Newbury concerning municipal responses to the Covid 19 crisis and the Declaration of a State of Emergency from the Governor of the Commonwealth.

WHEREAS, the Board of Selectmen in accordance with their powers granted by Sections 4 (c) and (d) of Chapter 97 of the Acts of 2017 and upon advice of the Board of Health and the Director of the Town's Office of Emergency Management, has determined that the aforesaid situation poses a present and reasonable imminent danger to public health, safety or general welfare of the people so that it has become necessary for the Board to authorize the Town Manager to utilize and coordinate the services, equipment, supplies and facilities of existing departments, offices and agencies of the Town for the purposes of emergency management and emergency functions; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Selectmen has determined that the immediate public action is needed to prevent, minimize, or mitigate damage to the public health, safety or general welfare of the people of West Newbury or their property which may otherwise result from the above described situation and that taking the time required to comply with the various state and local procurement laws would endanger the health or safety of the people or their property; and

NOW THEREFORE, we, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of West Newbury, Massachusetts, hereby declare upon motion by Selectman Kemper and second by Selectman Parker, and by a vote of 3-0, that as of 7:31pm on March 16, 2020 a state of emergency exists in the Town of West Newbury. This declaration of emergency shall remain in effect until further notice is given, pursuant to our judgment, that the state of emergency no longer exists. And, further we authorize the Town Manager in accordance with the emergency provisions set forth in M.G.L. c. 44 §31; M.G.L c. 40 §19; M.G.L. c. 30B §8 and any other statute, regulation or order to take such actions that are necessary and appropriate to address the Covid 19 crisis.

Date: March 16, 2020

David Archibald, Chairman
Board of Selectmen