PRESS RELEASE
March 16, 2020 (updated from March 13, 2020)

Town of Hudson will be taking additional precautionary measures to control the spread of the 2019 novel corona (COVID-19). Beginning Tuesday, March 17, 2020 Hudson Town buildings will be closed to the public. This will be in effect until further notice.

Exceptions
The Hudson Senior Center will continue the Meals on Wheels program and will continue to transport seniors to necessary medical appointments, but only on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The Library will offer curbside service and pickup/delivery in the side lobby.

All Town buildings will remain staffed and will conduct business via email, US mail and the telephone. We are working with our Town Hall contractor to remove the scaffolding surrounding the building to make the payment drop box on the front of Town Hall more accessible. In addition, if there are urgent needs to deliver or pickup an item, we can arrange to meet at a building door.

Public Meetings
Meetings of boards and commissions will continue as needed, although we urge them to only schedule meetings for time sensitive issues. At present, we do not have the technological capabilities to allow the public to participate remotely. We ask that meetings be limited to audiences of 25. We will be considering measures to better allow public participation remotely and as we implement those measures we will provide more information. We will also begin having discussions with HUD-TV to potentially broadcast all board and commission meetings that take place in the Selectmen’s meeting room, where there is broadcast equipment. This will allow the public to view the meetings without actually attending.

It is too early to make a decision on Town Meeting.

Use of Town Property
Although Town fields and parks remain open, we are postponing use by organized groups.

It is important to understand that the current environment is fluid, and the details of this announcement may change at any time due to federal or state directives, medical progress or widening transmission. We encourage the public to stay up to date by enrolling in alerts at www.townofhudson.org. Any medical or public health questions should be directed to the
Health Department at (978) 562-2020. Please note that they are experiencing high call volume, and will return phone calls as soon as possible giving priority to urgent matters. For the most up-to-date information, visit the Health Department website at: http://www.hudsonhealthdept.org/coronavirus-covid19-updates and follow their Facebook page at: https://www.facebook.com/HudsonBOH/. As always, for emergencies call 911, but only for emergencies.