Hello Friends,

The State has set May 20 as the day when some businesses will reopen in ways that incorporate Covid19 precautions. Social distancing, wearing masks in public, and limiting gatherings to five people remain in place and are the law.

I would like to thank people for doing their part in ways large and small. Residents are reminded that masks are required to use the Transfer Station. Please try to have your disposables organized for a quick visit. Week day mornings tend to be the least busy at the Transfer Station.

The Cornwall Arts Remote Entertainment Service is expanding and is available for viewing online at www.cornwallct.org. Thanks to Dave Colbert and friends for coordinating this effort.

The Town Budget was passed by remote votes of the Boards of Selectmen and Finance. The Town’s property tax rate was kept at its current rate which is one of the lowest in Connecticut. The Board of Selectmen did vote for a tax deferral program for tax payers in a Covid19 financial bind. Eligibility requirement and application are available from the Tax Collector and at www.cornwallct.org.

We continue to work with the Torrington Area Health District to formulate guidelines on summer recreation. Decisions on the Town Beach and Tennis Court will be forthcoming shortly.
This week we also have a message from the Cornwall Town Clerk, Vera Dinneen:

Since the town offices are still closed to the public, there will be no in-person issuance of dog licenses this year. Dog owners will be able to obtain a license either by mail or online (but only if their dog was licensed last year). Licenses will be available on June 1st. A letter with details will be mailed to all dog owners who have licensed their dogs in the past.

I have enjoyed seeing the “caring hearts” that people have put out throughout town as shows of support for medical workers and first responders. Some photos of examples are below. Thanks for your patience and mutual support of our efforts to get through this time together.

Sincerely,

Gordon Ridgway
First Selectman
Town of Cornwall, CT

PS: Food Bank Wish List from Social Service Director Heather Dinneen.
Donations may be dropped of at the rear of the UCC Church
Bolton Hill Road, Cornwall Village 06753

High Need Items:
Rice (brown and white)
Canned corn
Juice (apple and cranberry are most often requested, but any is appreciated)
Plain oatmeal

Needed items:
Kids snacks
Pasta sauce
Cake Mix
Brownie mix
White sugar