A Message from the First Selectman
July 27, 2020
An Update for Residents of the Town of Plainfield

As issues related to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) in the state and our region change I wanted to give you another update on the Town of Plainfield and our actions in response to this situation. The town continues working to ensure that both residents and staff have a safe environment to work in and service the public needs at our town hall. We still need to remain vigilant and remember that the virus is still out there, it hasn’t disappeared. Wearing your mask, washing your hands frequently, disinfecting surfaces and if you don’t feel comfortable around large groups avoiding them are all ways to minimize illnesses.

The number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Plainfield has remained stable at 41 cases as of yesterday’s report. We all must continue to practice all the safe life habits recommended by the CDC and the Connecticut Department of Health. Other states are seeing a significant increase in confirmed COVID-19 cases. We don’t want Connecticut to go backwards on the excellent progress we have made.

Our Town Hall has been reopened for a week now and everything has been going very smoothly. For the most part those coming to Town Hall on business have been very courteous, respectful of social distancing requests and have been wearing masks as we have asked. Any visitor that did not have a mask was offered one. Very few doing business here were not wearing a mask and one was offered to them if they wished. We believe very strongly that the wearing of a mask in public, and while dealing with those that you do not directly live with, will help slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Again, the Plainfield Town Hall is fully open for business and our valued employees are here to serve you! Both the Highway Department and WPCA employees are back to regular full week schedules and are getting caught up on their major projects while keeping their employees safe. None of our emergency response agencies in Town have been affected by the COVID-19 virus and continue to respond to your 9-1-1 calls for assistance.

As the Governor looks ahead to “Phase 3” openings there are other local events upcoming in Plainfield. We are planning another food / financial drive for Project PIN in Moosup on August 15 at the Town Hall from 10 – 1. This local
agency serves our residents and your neighbors during this challenging time. With so many out of work or on reduced hours the demand for assistance continues to grow.

There will also be a rolling VJ Day parade this year on August 9th after a brief ceremony at the American Legion in Moosup and a fly over by vintage WW II aircraft to start the activities.

We are still hoping that the Governor will ease some of the requirements for the opening of indoor pools like ours at the Town Hall. We’ve received many calls asking about re-opening the pool but at this time the requirements make it not possible. We have expressed our concerns to our state and local health departments who will take them to the next approval level.

Kevin Cunningham
First Selectman