

## TOWN HALL CLOSURE

The health and safety of our residents and staff is our most important responsibility and we must make decisions that are in their best interest.

As the Coronavirus (Covid-19) continues to spread throughout Maine and the Nation, the Town of Alfred has decided for the health of its citizens and employees to join a growing number of Maine communities and close the Town Hall to the public effective Thursday March 19, 2020.

We realize this will impact our residents in unprecedented ways. Residents will not be able to re-register vehicles, ATV's, purchase fishing licenses or license your dog at the Town Hall, but the State of Maine has passed emergency Legislation that will ensure vehicle, ATV, boat & trailer registrations and dog licenses that expire while the Town Hall is closed will remain valid until this health crisis abates. The State will keep this in effect until after the Governor has lifted the emergency declaration now in place. We do offer several on-line options to our residents that can be assessed through our Town website that will process all of the aforementioned needs.

Please visit our website, [www.alfredme.gov](http://www.alfredme.gov) and click on "On-Line Services".

Until further notice Selectmen's meetings will be held via telephone conference call as it is now allowed with the emergency legislation. Agendas and minutes will still be posted on the Town website.

One area that has not been addressed by this Legislature is required permitting through the Code Enforcement office. Please email our Code Enforcement Officer, James Allaire, with questions or permitting concerns at [jallaire@alfredme.gov](mailto:jallaire@alfredme.gov) or leave a voicemail at 324-5872 x206. He will respond to your needs as soon as practical. It is our intention that no permits will be delayed in being issued.

Anyone requiring assistance through our General Assistance program can contact the General Assistance Agent, Donna Pirone at [dpirone@alfredme.gov](mailto:dpirone@alfredme.gov) or 324-5872 x207. All telephone lines in the Town Hall will be operational and checked on a daily basis.

With the second half of the 2019 Real Estate Taxes due on April 1, 2020 please ensure all payments are mailed to P.O. Box 850 in Alfred and are postmarked by April 1 to avoid any interest being charged to your account.

Our work will continue, but will be done in relative solitude. You may notice staff in the building periodically as we continue to operate at a minimum but no one will be allowed into the building except for Town Hall staff. Please feel free to email or call the Town Hall for any assistance. Emergency needs will be addressed as soon as possible and others on an as needed basis.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation during this very trying time, and we will continue to post updates and information on our website as soon as they are available.