

SELECTMEN'S MEETING AGENDA*

Tuesday, May 5, 2020, 12:00 P.M.

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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and possible vote on Emergency Expenditures Related to COVID-19
- b. Vote to authorize the Chairman to sign a letter to the Director of Bureau of Accounts regarding emergency expenditures

III. ADJOURNMENT

**Per the Attorney General's Office: The Board of Selectmen may hold an open session for topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair 48 hours in advance of the meeting following "New Business." If you are deaf or hard of hearing or a person with a disability who requires an accommodation contact the Selectmen's Office at 508-430-7513.*

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Posted by: _____
Town Clerk

Patricia A. Macura, Admin. Secretary

Date: _____
May 1, 2020

TOWN OF



HARWICH

*Harwich, Massachusetts
02645*

May 5, 2020

Mary Jane Handy
Director Bureau of Accounts
Division of Local Services
100 Cambridge Street, 7th Floor
Boston, MA 02114

RE: Emergency Expenditures Related to COVID-19

Dear Ms. Handy,

Please accept this letter as a formal request on behalf of the Town of Harwich to incur liabilities in excess of the voted appropriations for fiscal year 2020. Due to the state of emergency declared by the Governor on March 10, 2020 the Town of Harwich anticipates extraordinary expenses in the following areas:

- cleaning and sanitizing costs,
- custodial wages,
- costs associated with the preparation and delivery of meals to elderly population in need,
- personal protective equipment,
- overtime for public safety and health departments, as well as
- retrofit town buildings to ensure the safety of employees and the public.

In accordance with G.L. c. 44, § 31 and G.L. c.4, § 7, the Board of Selectmen, as the Town's Chief Executive Officer, hereby request approval to deficit spend up to \$250,000. This request was authorized by the Board of Selectmen, by unanimous vote, at their regularly scheduled meeting held on May 5, 2020.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, on behalf of the Town of Harwich I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

Larry Ballantine
Chairman