



Town of Harpswell

P.O. Box 39

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ORDER EXTENDING STATE OF EMERGENCY

Pursuant to the Town of Harpswell's Emergency Management Ordinance Section 7 and Section 8, the Board of Selectmen hereby finds and orders as follows:

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Maine declared a Civil State of Emergency due to the spread of the Coronavirus Disease ("COVID-19") on March 15, 2020;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a communicable disease that is highly contagious and spreads through personal contact with infected individuals in the community;

WHEREAS, the number of COVID-19 cases is rapidly increasing both globally and in the State of Maine;

WHEREAS, the continued spread of COVID-19 threatens the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the Town of Harpswell;

WHEREAS, the Town of Harpswell is prepared to respond to COVID-19 and is committed to protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the Town's residents;

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020 the State of Maine enacted LD 2167: An Act To Implement Provisions Necessary To The Health, Welfare and Safety of the Citizens of Maine in Response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency that provided the Governor and municipalities with the authority to waive certain restrictions, deadlines, and requirements in order for the State to react quickly and efficiently to the effects that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on the citizens of Maine;

WHEREAS, LD 2167 provides for the modification, suspension, or extension of a number of licensing and permitting deadlines;

WHEREAS, on or about March 19, 2020, the State of Maine Department of Marine Resources ("DMR") sent written communication to municipalities concerning possible extension of local shellfish licenses due to COVID-19, stating that "the possible extension of the present licenses is at the discretion of the town, shellfish committee and local shellfish warden";

WHEREAS, the Chairman of the Town of Harpswell Board of Selectmen declared a civil state of emergency in the Town on March 18, 2020;

WHEREAS, a civil state of emergency continues to exist in the Town of Harpswell,

WHEREAS, the Board of Selectmen finds that it is necessary to extend the dates for issuing shellfish licenses contained within the Town's Shellfish Ordinance to further protect and maintain the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the Town;

THEREFORE, pursuant to Sections 7 and 8 of the Town of Harpswell's Emergency Management Ordinance, the authority vested in the Town pursuant to the Statutes of the State of Maine, and the Town's common law authority to enact legislation to protect the general health, safety, welfare, and morals of the Citizens of the Town, the Board of Selectmen hereby ORDERS:

1. A civil state of emergency continues to exist in the Town of Harpswell;
2. The Town hereby postpones the issuance of shellfish licenses, including resident commercial shellfish licenses, non-resident commercial shellfish licenses, resident student commercial shellfish licenses, and non-resident student commercial shellfish licenses, and extends all corresponding deadlines, including the date by which any lotteries must be conducted and/or fees collected, in the Town's Shellfish Ordinance. The shellfish licensing deadlines within the Town's Shellfish Ordinance are extended until thirty (30) days after the Governor terminates the civil state of emergency.
3. A civil state of emergency shall remain in effect in the Town of Harpswell until the Governor of the State of Maine determines that a civil state of emergency no longer exists in the State of Maine, unless further extended by the Board of Selectmen in the Town of Harpswell.

Dated: March 23, 2020

Kevin Johnson, Chair, Board of Selectmen
Town of Harpswell, Maine

David Chipman, Board of Selectmen
Town of Harpswell

Jane Covey, Board of Selectmen
Town of Harpswell