March 14, 2020

Dear Sprague Residents,

Due to all of the media coverage and concerns about the COVID-19 virus, I wanted to reassure Town residents that we are taking all of the necessary steps to deal with this very fluid situation. While there have been no reported cases of COVID-19 in Sprague, I am committed to putting the health and safety of our residents first. I am currently working with the Board of Selectmen, Sprague Department Heads, Sayles School Administration, Sprague Board of Education and Sprague Emergency Management to implement procedures and protocols to address any health concerns. A meeting was held in Sprague today where the COVID-19 issue was discussed in depth and a course of action was reviewed. We have been in daily contact with the Director of Health at Uncas Health District, the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and the Governor’s office.

We will all be facing some challenging times in the coming weeks and it is ever so important that we remain calm and follow the recommended precautions:

- Try to avoid public gatherings.
- Wash your hands regularly.
- Avoid close contact with people that are sick.
- Try to get enough sleep and eat well.

Working together, as a community, we will get through these uncertain times. If you, or anyone you know is experiencing a food shortage, please contact the Town Hall at 860-822-3000 ext. 201. We have a well-stocked food pantry and can assist you. If you are, or know of an at-risk senior, please contact the Senior Director at 860-822-3000 ext. 203.

At this time:

- Sayles School is closed. Please check their website at www.saylesschool.org for updates.
- The Senior Center will remain open and meals will continue to be served and Meals on Wheels will be delivered.
- The Baltic Fire Department is reviewing protocols and inventory of Personal Protection Equipment.
- The Sprague Public Library and the Sprague Historical Society Museum will be closed as of Tuesday, March 17th until further notice to keep our residents safe.
- Use of the Grist Mill Community room will be discontinued until further notice.
- The Water and Sewer and Public Works teams are prepared to address and issues that arise.
We will be providing information periodically through the Town of Sprague website www.ctsprague.org and the Sayles School website www.saylesschool.org. Any official updates will come from the First Selectman, the Superintendent of Schools, or the Emergency Management Director. It is our goal to send out information as it becomes available and not overload you with unnecessary information or create additional anxiety. If you have any question or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at 860-822-3000 ext. 202.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Blanchard
First Selectman