



On April 13, 2020, the Board of Selectmen took a number of important votes relating to town operations that the Town of Salisbury would like the citizens of Salisbury to be aware of. A summary of these votes is outlined below.

### **Election Day and Town Meeting**

The Board of Selectmen voted to move Election Day and the date of the Annual Town Meeting back by 5 weeks. Election Day will now be on Tuesday, June 16, and Town Meeting will be on Monday, June 22. If the pandemic does not ease and the Governor's emergency orders, "re: Preventing the Spread of the Coronavirus" are extended, and we are not able to hold our election and Town Meeting in June, we may move them further out. The town will continue to monitor the situation across the state and make a decision as new information comes in.

### **Property Tax Exemptions, Paying Taxes, and Other Bills**

The Board of Selectmen voted to **move the due date for real estate and personal property taxes back from May 1, 2020 to June 1, 2020. The deadline for the filing of property tax exemptions has been changed from April 1, 2020 to June 1, 2020.** They also voted to **extend the due date of the most recent sewer billing from May 13, 2020 to June 1, 2020.** Additionally, they voted to **waive interest and penalties for any bills, except auto excise, that were issued on or after March 10, 2020 as long as the original amount of the bill is paid in full by June 30, 2020.** These measures were all allowed by the terms of a special bill that was passed by the Legislature and signed by Governor Charlie Baker.

### **Seasonal Water Meters**

The Board of Selectmen voted **NOT to allow the re-installation of seasonal water meters for summer residents until at least May 4, 2020,** which is the current date of expiration of the Governor's emergency orders. The Town understands that this is the time of year when individuals with summer homes at the beach regularly begin to start getting these homes ready for the summer season. However, due to the current national Coronavirus pandemic, the Town believes that protecting the health and well-being of its residents is of paramount importance. The Town Manager, the Health Director and the DPW Director strongly support waiting until May 4 and/or until the Governor modifies his emergency orders before allowing re-installation of seasonal water meters. The Town will reassess this decision once the virus peaks and the Governor issues new orders.