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East Hampton COVID-19 Response Update April 17, 2020

East Hampton, CT, April 17, 2020 – According to the latest information from the Chatham Health District, the Town of East Hampton has had 17 confirmed cases of COVID-19 disease. This number continues to increase, so residents are reminded to take steps to protect themselves and others by following the recommended procedures including the use of cloth masks over their mouth and nose while in public. There are a number of known cases in the region and it is likely that there are other cases in this community and in the surrounding communities that are not showing symptoms or are experiencing mild symptoms.

The Chatham Health District and the Town remind residents to “Stay Safe, Stay Home” and be diligent as they continue to avoid contact with others. Wash hands regularly with soap and water for 20 seconds especially after being in public, sneezing, coughing or nose blowing. If soap and water are not available, use hand sanitizer. To further prevent the spread of COVID-19, please use a face mask, always maintain “social distancing” of at least 6 feet and stay away from groups of people. Protect others by staying home if you are sick, covering coughs and sneezes and regularly cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces. For the most current updates and recommendations, visit ct.gov/coronavirus. For general questions, call 2-1-1.

The Town of East Hampton is fortunate to have American Distilling as one of its corporate residents! Today, the company donated more than 20 cases of a hand sanitizer product it has begun producing under its T.N. Dickinson’s brand to our First Responders. This is part of an effort the company has made to produce and distribute hand sanitizer to public safety and front-line workers in the ongoing effort to care for the ill and contain COVID-19 disease.

The Town’s operations continue to be impacted by the pandemic. Offices and facilities remain closed to the public with limited ability to meet by appointment as necessary. The Building and Land Use Department continues to process applications, hold required meetings, issue permits and perform inspections to ensure that these projects continue to move forward. The Parks and Recreation Department, Library, Senior Center and Youth and Family Services are all offering online programming and services in addition to online resources that are normally available. Visit their websites, which are



accessible through the Town's site at easthamptonct.gov, for more information on how to access services and links to their respective social media outlets.

On Monday, April 20, the Board of Finance will begin the FY 20/21 budget process with a public hearing via the Zoom platform. Interested residents are encouraged to view that information, including the proposed budget and the agenda with access information for the meeting, on the Town's website. Written comments on the budget will be accepted via budget@easthamptonct.gov or via mail at the Town Hall, 20 E High Street.

The next Town update is scheduled for Wednesday, April 22.