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Mayor's Monthly updates for March 2020

I am sure by now you know that the "Plymouth Connection" is no longer being published. This monthly paper is and will be missed by everyone in our community. It was a great way to get information of on-going events and community information out to everyone. I would like to thank Lisa Phillimore for all that she did keeping this paper available to everyone at no cost and what it has meant to our citizens. I am going to try to keep my monthly updates going and available to everyone. I'm just not sure how effective it will be. I will continue to write this article each month and I will post it on the Town Website. You will be able to print it and if you know of anyone who doesn't have access to it online, maybe you could print it and pass along a printed copy. I will also put it on my Facebook page and if you could like it and share it that would also be great. I will also have printed copies available here in Town Hall as well as other locations around town. I believe that it is very important that you all know what is happening and to keep you updated each month. I would really appreciate whatever you all can do to help circulate this each month.

We are doing what we can to keep on top of any and all monitoring of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Our Emergency Management team participates in all State and Federal teleconferences and meetings to ensure we are up to date on the latest guidelines. We have printed information available at Town Hall. Be sure to take all preventative actions that are recommended.

This month we have been spending a great deal of time as the town prepares to transition our emergency dispatching from our local dispatch area to the regional dispatch center. We have been meeting multiple times each month with a transition team from our Fire Department, Police Department, Ambulance Corp, Highway Department and Emergency Management. There is a great deal of work involved in this re-location of our dispatching. We will also be doing physical changes that also need to be completed. We are on schedule to make this transition during the first week of April and as of right now we are on schedule to make it happen. I would like to thank everyone involved in this

process for all their hard work. I would like to especially thank all our dispatchers who have done a great job over the years and for staying and helping with this right up to the switch over date.

Beginning the first week of April, our Police Department will be open for all non-emergency issues from 7:00am to 5:00pm. For most of that time we will have 2 persons on duty to handle routine needs of the community. After 5:00 pm the Police Station will be available for emergency issues. During that time there may be no one available in the station. During that time, we will have cameras available and always someone to talk with. They will be able to unlock the doors and get you into the lobby if needed. In the lobby we will have installed video cameras and a video monitor that you will be able to see and talk directly to a dispatcher located in the regional dispatch center. They will have the same ability to assist you in the same manner for any emergency need.

We have worked very hard on this transition and I am very confident that this transition will be smooth and the service to our community will continue to be of the same high standards that we have now. All the phone numbers that are used now will remain the same. We will now have access to state-of-the-art equipment that we might otherwise not be able to afford, which will allow us to improve as we move forward. This is the right thing for Plymouth, and we can look forward to a great relationship with LCD, (Litchfield County Dispatch). If you have any questions or concerns, please contact my office.

We are also in the beginning stages of putting together our upcoming budget, which is now in the hands of our Board of Finance. There will be an upcoming Public Hearing, prior to it being finalized. I will keep you posted in April.

Our Police Building Committee continues to make great progress in the design of a new Police facility. I am hopeful that we will be able to put together a presentation for you soon. This will need to go out to a referendum, and I am hopeful that you all will support this much needed facility. In the meantime, if you would like a tour of our present facility located here at town hall, please contact my office and I will help you with arrangements.

Let's all keep Plymouth moving forward
Stay Safe
Mayor Dave