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To my fellow Charlton residents,

I wanted to reach out on behalf of the Board of Selectmen regarding the ongoing COVID-19 situation. The Board of Selectmen is working very closely with the Board of Health on this issue and every effort is being made to keep our community safe and our residents informed. Your town government responses have been professional, cautious, measured and responsible. As soon as we learn of any updates, changes or new information, we confirm and verify and have and will continue to notify residents in a timely manner. To date all information received has been confirmed and disseminated in less than 24 hours.

It is important to note that COVID-19 is very real. It is unfortunate that during this time there is a lot of misinformation and false/misrepresentation of facts being spread around. If you have questions please dial 211, this number has been established for residents with questions regarding COVID-19.

The Town of Charlton has always been a leader in the Commonwealth and not a follower. The people of Charlton have always supported and watched out for one another. Knowing the people of this town that's not going stop now. Call your neighbors to check in and make sure they're OK. If you know a senior offer to help if you can. They may need someone to run and get groceries for them or may need a ride. Call in a take out or delivery order from any of the restaurants owned by our friends and neighbors. Together we can, *together we will*.

There is no reason to run to the store and buy all the food and supplies in sight. There is no shortage of food or supplies. There is simply a shortage of manpower to unload the trucks and restock fast enough. Buy what you need as you normally would and there will continue to be plenty to go around.

Be smart, wash your hands and follow general hygiene and social distancing guidelines in order to help flatten the curve and minimize the spread. Take a hike in the woods. Go for a paddle on the lake. Take the dog for a walk. Get outside.

The reality is that COVID-19 is not dangerous for most, but we must take care to take appropriate measures to protect everyone. We all have family, friends or neighbors who fall into the "at risk" category. We may all have a family member, friend or neighbor who has an underlying yet undiscovered health condition. Think about them, think about everyone.

Yours,

David Singer
Chairman
Board of Selectmen