



TOWN OF DEERPARK

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June 1, 2020

As a result of the State of Emergency issued by the Governor of the State of New York on or about March 15, 2020, and the extensions that he has issued thereafter, in-person meetings have been prohibited in the Town of Deer Park.

The Town Board recognizes its responsibilities and the authority granted by the Governor's Orders. Specifically, the Governor provided that the provisions of the Open Meetings Laws of the State of New York were waived subject to certain requirements. These provisions permitted the use of virtual meetings and prohibited public meetings.

The Town Board has made its best efforts to comply with the Governor's directives. In recognition of certain technological limitations, the Town Board has not been able to "live-stream" its meetings, but rather has recorded same and made them available of the Town's website within Twenty-four (24) Hours after each meeting.

Recognizing that said procedure is not technically compliant with the Governor's directive, the Town Board has taken NO ACTION requiring public hearing or comment. In fact, the Town Board has performed ministerial acts only, such as payment of bills and organizing rules for the workplace.

The Town Board will next meet on June 15, 2020. While it is hoped that said meeting will be able to be conducted on an in-person basis, should that not be permitted, the Town Board will ensure that the meeting is live-streamed or otherwise made available to the public in real time. Depending on the nature of the proceeding and the topics discussed, public comment may or may not be permitted.

Should it be necessary to conduct another virtual meeting, any public comment period will be extended for a minimum of Fourteen (14) Days to permit written comment from the public.


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