

April 28, 2020

Dear Mayor Hill and Assembly Members,

There are 2 items on tonight's agenda that I would like to briefly address:

1. I encourage you to support DNR's proposed grant project for brushing, grading and some resurfacing of the Little Salmon Road.
2. The Assembly is addressing COVID 19 Health Mandates tonight. I know there is a lot of confusion about what the borough can and cannot mandate differently from the State since we are connected to a State Road. Apparently Skagway was able to receive a determination that enables them to make their own decisions. Whatever course they pursued to receive that determination, I highly encourage you to do the same. We need to have the ability to determine our own community needs. There are people in town that are very afraid of and people who are not at all concerned about this virus. Bottom line is that there are people who have a great health risk if they contract the virus.

The governor recently lifted some of the travel and quarantine restrictions. Lifting of travel restrictions means that more people will continue to arrive from other communities, some of which have an infected population.

For over 6 weeks now, this community has managed to keep the virus at bay. We all know this will at some point change, but, for those who have stayed at home, quarantined for 14 days after travel, curtailed their social engagements, etc., a lifting of some of these restrictions, specifically the travel quarantine, makes a mockery to all that the people of this community have sacrificed. Why have we endured restrictions to suddenly have it all for naught? We know that some people who carry the virus never even show symptoms and tests are absolutely not 100% reliable. Dr. Anne Zink said on a zoom meeting I attended that the 14 day quarantine is more accurate than testing. I urge you to find a way to continue the quarantine for visitors and returning residents at least for the near future. It is too early to make this change.

Thank you.

CJ (I know you all relate me to the Fire Department. My comments and opinions are strictly my own and have nothing to do with the HVFD)