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#### Assessor Building Inspections – Covid-19

Due to health and safety concerns for the public and staff, the Assessor's Office is temporarily suspending interior inspections for properties under renovations and construction. Assessment staff will be conducting on-site Exterior-Only inspections and physical measurements for building permit and other construction projects.

Staff will wear masks, identification badges and drive Town of Groton vehicles. Employees will ring the doorbell and back up six feet in order to alert homeowners of the purpose of the visit. Staff will also confirm existing information for quality assurance while on site. As is the typical process, these inspections are made without notice or appointments in order to complete the work in a timely manner. Inspections will be for data mailers, sales questionnaires and building permits issued for new construction, demolitions, sheds, decks, additions, siding, swimming pools, garages etc. A notice will be left on the door explaining the purpose of the visit if no one is home at the time of the visit.

Inspections will also be made weekly at construction sites for commercial properties in order to inventory commercial construction equipment.

Any questions regarding this process can be made through the Assessor's Office main line 860-441-6660.