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**STRATFORD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT READY TO ASSIST LOCAL
BUSINESSES FACING COVID-19 INTERRUPTION**

STRATFORD – With many local businesses facing difficulties related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Town of Stratford’s Economic and Community Development Department is spearheading an effort to connect those businesses with local state and federal resources that can assist them with their needs. Considerations about getting through the pandemic are stressful, and trying to navigate the resources available can add to that stress.

“Whether a business is a restaurant, service provider or a retailer, they have been hit hard by the economic impact of this pandemic, forcing reduced services or complete closure,” said **Mayor Laura R. Hoydick**. “Our local business owners are understandably concerned about keeping themselves afloat through this emergency, and ensuring their employees are provided for as well. There are many resources available, and some business owners aren’t aware of them. We want to ensure that these business owners are connected with every possible resource available to assist them through this difficult time. We are here to help and support them.”

“Please reach out to our office with any questions or concerns you have regarding your business,” said **Mary Dean**, Director of Economic and Community Development. “If the Economic and Community Development team has not already corresponded with you, we would like to connect and hear about how you are navigating your business and what your needs are. We are here to help you in any way we can.”

The Economic and Community Development team will be working in conjunction with the Town Attorney’s Office to answer questions any business has about the various packages available through multiple available options, and connect businesses with the options that work best for them.

The Economic and Community Development Office remains fully staffed- businesses can reach the office at 203-381-1351, or by email: mdean@townofstratford.com or ksportini@townofstratford.com.

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