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Mark W. Haddad

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**SELECT BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2022
AGENDA
SELECT BOARD MEETING ROOM
2nd FLOOR
GROTON TOWN HALL**

- 7:00 P.M. Announcements and Review Agenda for the Public
- 7:05 P.M. Public Comment Period
- I. 7:06 P.M. Town Manager's Report
- 1. Update on Deluxe Property Redevelopment
 - 2. Last Minute Town Meeting Preparation
 - 3. Update on Fiscal Year 2023 Proposed Operating Budget
 - 4. Proposed Select Board Meeting Schedule through the Labor Day
- II. 7:10 P.M. Items for Select Board Consideration and Action
- 1. Approve Annual Fuel Storage Permits
 - 2. Approve 2022 Annual Election Ballot Information Booklet

OTHER BUSINESS

ON-GOING ISSUES – Review and Informational Purposes – Brief Comments - Items May or May Not Be Discussed

- A. Water Department – Manganese Issue
- B. PFAS Issue
- C. Green Communities Application and Implementation
- D. Florence Roche Elementary School Construction Project
- E. ARPA Funding

SELECT BOARD LIAISON REPORTS

- III. Minutes: Regularly Scheduled Meeting of April 11, 2022
- IV. 8:00 P.M. Executive Session – Pursuant to M.G.L., c. 30A, §21(a), Clause 3 – “To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares” – Purposes – Collective Bargaining

ADJOURNMENT

Votes may be taken at any time during the meeting. The listing of topics that the Chair reasonably anticipates will be discussed at the meeting is not intended as a guarantee of the topics that will be discussed. Not all topics listed may in fact be discussed, and other topics not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.



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To: *Select Board*

From: *Mark W. Haddad – Town Manager*

Subject: *Weekly Agenda Update/Report*

Date: *April 25, 2022*

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

In addition to the Town Manager's Report, Items for Select Board Consideration and Action and a review of the On-going Issues, there is one scheduled item on Monday's Agenda. I have requested the Board enter Executive Session to discuss issues pertaining to Collective Bargaining. Labor Counsel will be in attendance.

1. I have invited John Amaral, Partner with Omni Properties, to come to Monday's meeting to provide the Board with an update as to the status of the redevelopment of the former Deluxe Property.
2. I have set aside time on the Agenda for the Board to discuss any last-minute Town Meeting related issues. At this time, I have no specific updates.
3. I have no specific update on the Fiscal Year 2023 Proposed Budget.
4. I would like to propose the following meeting schedule that will take the Board through Labor Day:

Saturday, April 30, 2022	2022 Spring Town Meeting
Wednesday, May 4, 2022 or Tuesday, May 10, 2022	Regularly Scheduled Meeting
Tuesday, May 10, 2022	Regularly Scheduled Meeting
Monday, May 16, 2022	No Meeting
Monday, May 23, 2022	Regularly Scheduled Meeting
Monday, May 30, 2022	No Meeting (Memorial Day)
Monday, June 6, 2022	Regularly Scheduled Meeting
Monday, June 13, 2022*	Regularly Scheduled Meeting
Monday, June 20, 2022	No Meeting (Juneteenth)
Monday, June 27, 2022	Regularly Scheduled Meeting

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4. Continued:

Monday, July 4, 2022	No Meeting (Fourth of July)
Monday, July 11, 2022	Regularly Scheduled Meeting
Monday, July 18, 2022	No Meeting
Monday, July 25, 2022	Regularly Scheduled Meeting
Monday, August 1, 2022	No Meeting
Monday, August 8, 2022	Regularly Scheduled Meeting
Monday, August 15, 2022	No Meeting
Monday, August 22, 2022	Regularly Scheduled Meeting
Monday, August 29, 2022	No Meeting
Tuesday, September 6, 2022	Regularly Scheduled Meeting

We can discuss this in more detail at Monday's meeting.

ITEMS FOR SELECT BOARD CONSIDERATION AND ACTION

1. Enclosed with this report are the annual Fuel Storage Licenses that require approval by the Select Board. I would respectfully request that the Board approve these Licenses at Monday's meeting.
2. Also enclosed with this report is the May 24, 2022 Ballot Question Information Booklet. As you are aware, the Town adopted M.G.L., c. 53, §18B which requires the Select Board to print and mail to each household where a registered voter resides information relating to each question that will appear on the town election ballot. The Town Clerk, in consultation with Town Counsel, has prepared the document that I would respectfully request that the Board approve and issue at Monday's Meeting. It is our intention to send this to the printer first thing Tuesday morning and have copies available at Town Meeting on Saturday, April 30th.

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enclosures



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mark Haddad, Town Manager
FROM: Dawn Dunbar, Executive Assistant
DATE: April 19, 2022
RE: 2022 License Renewals – Fuel Storage

The following licenses require Select Board approval for renewal:

1. **Groton School**
License to expire on April 30, 2023
Located on Farmers Row
Fuel Storage license originally granted on 12/15/2003
2. **Groton School**
License to expire on April 30, 2023
Located on Farmers Row
Fuel Storage license originally granted on 10/4/2021
3. **Global Montello Group Corp.**
License to expire on April 30, 2023
Located at 6 Boston Road
Fuel Storage license originally granted on 3/25/2002
4. **Groton-Dunstable Regional School District**
License to expire on April 30, 2023
Located at 342 Main Street
Fuel Storage license originally granted on 12/15/2003
5. **Energy North (Haffners)**
License to expire on April 30, 2023
Located at 318 Main Street
Fuel Storage license originally granted on 11/01/2004
6. **NESSP**
License to expire on April 30, 2023
Located at 1003 Boston Road
Fuel Storage license originally granted on 12/12/2016

7. Groton Highway Department

License to expire on April 30, 2023

Fuel Storage license originally granted on 1/1/2011

8. A.L. Prime Energy, Inc.

License to expire on April 30, 2023

Located at 619 Boston Road

Fuel Storage license originally granted on 7/13/2009

INFORMATION FOR VOTERS

TOWN OF GROTON



**2022 BALLOT QUESTIONS
TOWN ELECTION
MAY 24, 2022**

**Published by:
Select Board
Town of Groton**

**Town of Groton (MA)
2022 Annual Town Election
Voting Information**

- **Annual Town Election**
 - Groton is holding its Annual Town Election on **Tuesday, May 24, 2022**
 - Polls will be open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM
 - Polling Locations:
 - Precinct 1: The Center, 163 West Main Street (Route 225)
 - Precinct 2: Groton Dunstable Middle School North, 344 Main Street
 - Precinct 3: Groton Dunstable Middle School North, 344 Main Street
 - Precinct 3A: The Center, 163 West Main Street (Route 225)
- **Purpose of the Annual Town Election**
 - All Town Offices, Question 1 (Town Clerk) and Question 2 (Town Seal)
 - Questions 1 and 2 are explained in this brochure.
- **Absentee Ballots**
 - Absentee ballots are available for the Town Election.
 - The last day and hour to request an absentee ballot **by appointment** is Monday, May 23 at 12:00 Noon.
 - The last day and hour to request an absentee ballot **by mail** is Wednesday, May 18 at 5:00 PM.
 - Please allow time for mailing or be prepared to vote in the Town Clerk's office.
- **Early Voting**
 - Early Voting by Mail is not available for the town election. The last day and hour to request an Absentee Ballot by Mail is Wednesday, May 18 at 5:00 PM.
 - Early Voting in Person is not available for the town election.
- **Voter information**
 - If you would like to check on your voter registration, polling location or have another voting related question, please contact the Town Clerk's office
 - Office: 978-448-1100
 - Email: Townclerk@grotonma.gov
 - Web: www.grotonma.gov
- **Annual Town Election Information**
 - Please visit our web site at www.grotonma.gov
 - Look under Government for Election Information and then select Town Elections

BALLOT QUESTION INFORMATION
For May 24, 2022 ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

As authorized by Chapter 53, section 18B of the General Laws

WHY ARE YOU RECEIVING THIS INFORMATION?

In towns that accept the provisions of section 18B, as Groton did by vote of the 2015 Spring Town Meeting, the Select Board is required to print and mail to each household where a registered voter resides information relating to each question that will appear on the town election ballot. The information must include (1) the full text of each question; (2) a fair and concise summary of each question, including a one sentence statement describing the effect of a yes or no vote, prepared by the town counsel; and (3) arguments for and against each question, which may not exceed 150 words. When a voter question will appear on the ballot, the statute provides for a request by the town counsel for "written arguments from the principal proponents and opponents of the question," with a notice period of at least 7 days. The statute also provides that the principal proponents and principal opponents shall be the persons determined by the town counsel to be best able to present the arguments for and against the question. If no argument is received from a proponent or opponent, an argument must be prepared by the town counsel.

Ballot Question #1:

QUESTION 1:

Shall an Act passed by the General Court in the Year 2022, entitled "An Act Relative to the Charter and the Town Clerk in the Town of Groton" be accepted?

YES _____ NO _____

Summary of Question #1:

Ballot question #1 seeks approval of an amendment to the Groton Town Charter to change the position of Town Clerk from elected to appointed.

The Fall 2021 Town Meeting authorized a petition to the Massachusetts Legislature to amend the Groton Town Charter to change the position of Town Clerk from an elected position to a position appointed by the Select Board, and to make the amendment subject to acceptance by the voters of Groton through a ballot question. Legislation effecting this change has passed the Massachusetts Legislature and has been signed by the Governor.

Effect of a Yes or No Vote:

A YES VOTE will change the position of Town Clerk from an elected position to an appointed position.

A NO VOTE will leave the position of Town Clerk as an elected position.

Arguments In Favor And Against Question #1:

IN FAVOR: A YES vote on Question #1

Vote YES to make Town Clerk an appointed position instead of an elected one, so that when our Town Clerk retires, the Select Board can conduct a search and hire the best candidate available, from a pool of qualified applicants.

The job of Town Clerk has grown and changed significantly in recent years. In addition to responding to questions from the public, the position requires extensive knowledge of complex Election, Public Record, Open Meeting and Conflict of Interest laws. The Town Clerk needs to be a detail-oriented person who also has people skills and impeccable integrity. There is no guarantee that the winner of an election would actually be able to do the job. The application and interview process by which we appoint our Police and Fire Chiefs is the best way to ensure that our Town Clerk has the qualifications and skills necessary for this increasingly challenging position.

AGAINST: A NO vote on Question #1

In the American system of government, separation of powers is essential for an enduring democracy. At the state and federal levels, checks and balances are created by distributing roles and responsibilities among the three branches of government. In the town meeting form of government, checks and balances need to exist between the select board and town manager (effectively the town's executive branch) and the town's voters (its legislative branch). A yes vote will make the town's executive branch in charge of selecting the person overseeing how the legislative branch selects its representatives. Until it has been demonstrated that the legislative branch cannot effectively conduct its elections, it's premature to transfer responsibility for elections from the legislative to the executive branch. A no vote maintains the current separation of powers.

Ballot Question #2:

QUESTION 2:

NON-BINDING REFERENDUM – Should the Seal of the Town of Groton be modified by removing the words “Holy Bible” from the image of the book in the center of the Seal, leaving the image of the book blank?

YES _____ NO _____

Summary of Question #2:

The purpose of this non-binding ballot question #2 is to gauge public opinion regarding the possible removal of the words “Holy Bible” from the Town Seal.

The Town Seal currently appears as follows:



After removing the words “Holy Bible” from the image of the book in the center of the Seal, the Town Seal would appear as follows:



This question is non-binding. The results of the vote on this question will inform the Select Board when considering next steps with respect to the Town Seal.

Effect of a Yes or No Vote:

A **YES VOTE** will inform the Select Board that the Town Seal should be modified by removing the words "Holy Bible" from the image of the book in the center of the Seal, leaving the image of the book blank.

A **NO VOTE** will inform the Select Board that the Town Seal should not be changed.

Arguments In Favor And Against Question #2:

IN FAVOR: A YES vote on Question #2

Please vote YES to approve updating our beloved Town Seal by making it more inclusive, while keeping the original emphasis on Faith and Labor as the pillars of our community life. The open book signifies any sacred text that your Faith turns to, or signifies that your faith lies in education, science, philosophy, and knowledge. Labor, signified by a rustic farm implement, highlights the roots of our town in our agricultural past. With this revision, our Town Seal will reflect and honor our history, our current diverse population, and our shared beliefs about valuing our land, and valuing the wisdom found in the printed word. Additionally, by removing the reference to one religion, this modification respects our country's founding principle of Freedom of Religion and supports the Separation of Church and State. Vote YES now so our Fall Town Meeting can vote to implement this revision to our Town Seal.

AGAINST: A NO vote on Question #2

This is a lose-lose, negative proposal. Wiping HOLY BIBLE from the seal, if approved, will *alienate and hurt* many; if it fails, its proponents will remain bitter. It only furthers divisiveness. It should be rejected and replaced by *understanding* or perhaps one day, a *unifying, positive* alternative.

History should not be *erased*, but honored! The heart of the seal *is* the HOLY BIBLE—representing not just the faith of the early settlers, but the Judeo-Christian ethic—love, tolerance and the moral footing of our society and its laws. It should be understood and honored as such--not symbolically rejected and stricken from the seal.

Let history and reverence for our founders stand. If someday a better, more inspiring seal is proposed, this one may be retired with the dignity and respect it deserves.

This is the wrong change at the wrong time. It makes the town more divided than diverse!

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SAMPLE BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
GROTON, MASSACHUSETTS
MAY 24, 2022

Michael B. Bickel
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ●
B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name and address on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

NOT FOR VOTING

BOARD OF ASSESSORS For Three Years DONALD R. BLACK 573 Longley Road Candidate for Re-election (Write-in)	COMMISSIONER OF TRUST FUNDS For Three Years RACHAEL E. BIELECKI 24 Britt Lane Candidate for Re-election (Write-in)	GROTON SEWER COMMISSION For Three Years JAMES L. GMEINER 306 Longley Road Candidate for Re-election (Write-in)
BOARD OF HEALTH For Three Years ROBERT J. FLEISCHER 119 Nashua Road Candidate for Re-election (Write-in)	GROTON ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMISSION For Three Years RODNEY R. HERSH 8 Bridge Street Candidate for Re-election ANDREW H. SCOTT 255 Boston Road (Write-in)	TRUSTEES OF THE GROTON PUBLIC LIBRARY For Three Years NANCY FOLEY WILDER 33 Worthen Drive Candidate for Re-election MARK W. GERATH 45 West Street Candidate for Re-election (Write-in)
BOARD OF HEALTH For One Year EVAN A. THACKABERRY 79 Skyfields Drive JOHN A. TRUESDELL, JR. 111 Wintgreen Lane (Write-in)	PARK COMMISSION For Three Years (Write-in)	GROTON WATER COMMISSION For Three Years GREG R. FISHBONE 95 Main Street Candidate for Re-election (Write-in)
SELECT BOARD For Three Years JOSHUA DEGEN 402 Martins Pond Road Candidate for Re-election JOHN F. REILLY 59 Ficks Bridge Road Candidate for Re-election GUY ALBERGHINI 215 Main Street MATTHEW F. PISANI 68 Pleasant Street (Write-in)	PARK COMMISSION For One Year (Write-in)	GROTON - DUNSTABLE REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE For Three Years ROSANNA M. CASAVECCHIA 22 Castle Drive YASMEEN S. CHEEMA 228 Cherry Tree Lane PETRONELLA G. GUTTRIMSON 196 Duck Pond Drive (Write-in)
PLANNING BOARD For Three Years GEORGE E. BARRINGER, JR. 50 Fox Run Candidate for Re-election DAVID J. BONNETT 50 Bridge Street Candidate for Re-election (Write-in)	BALLOT QUESTIONS QUESTION #1 Shall an Act passed by the General Court in the Year 2022, entitled "An Act Relative to the Charter and the Town Clerk in the Town of Groton" be accepted? YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/> QUESTION #2 NON-BINDING REFERENDUM – Should the Seal of the Town of Groton be modified by removing the words "Holy Bible" from the image of the book in the center of the Seal, leaving the image of the book blank? YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>	

NOT TO BE USED FOR VOTING

**TOWN OF GROTON
COMMITTEE INTEREST FORM**

Town Government needs citizens who are willing to give time in the service of their community. If you are interested in serving, on a voluntary basis, on boards and committees within the Town, please complete this form and return to:

**TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD
173 MAIN STREET
GROTON, MA 01450-1237**

Date: _____

Name _____
First M.I. Last

Address _____

Mailing Address (if different) _____

Circle One GROTON, 01450 WEST GROTON, 01472

Telephone No. (home) _____ (cell) _____

Preferred e-mail Address _____

Occupation _____

Background _____

Town activities/issues, which interest you:

Specific committees or positions in which you are interested:

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Select Board
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Groton, MA 01450

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**SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2022
UN-APPROVED**

SB Members Present: Rebecca H. Pine, Chair; Alison S. Manugian, Vice Chair; Peter S. Cunningham, Clerk; Joshua A. Degen, Member; John F. Reilly, Member

Also Present: Mark W. Haddad, Town Manager; Dawn Dunbar, Executive Assistant to the Town Manager

Ms. Pine called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and reviewed the agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Cunningham said that there was a vaccine clinic held at the Senior Center last week adding it went really well. He thanked Ayer Family Pharmacy for administering the vaccines for them. Ms. Pine said that the CDC was strongly recommending that those over 60 and those immunocompromised get a second booster. Mr. Haddad said that they provided one employee with an extension to get their booster due to a family matter but that all other employees had received their booster.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Mr. Haddad said that they had received a recommendation from the Earth Removal Stormwater Advisory Committee on the request for a Certificate of Exemption to remove 55,000 cubic yards of excess earth materials generated by the construction of the new Florence Roche Elementary School and Middle School Track. He said that the Committee held their meeting on April 5th. He said that the Earth Removal Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the Select Board grant the exemption with various conditions. Mr. Haddad respectfully requested that the Board grant the exemption with the conditions proposed by the Committee.

Mr. Degen said that there needed to be limitations on trucking hours. Mr. McElroy of Gilbane Construction said that they had a blackout period from 7:30am-9:30am and again in the afternoon from 2:30pm-3:30pm in which they could not truck materials because of school drop off and picks ups. Mr. Haddad said that there was a local developer who was willing to take 30,000 cubic yards as long as the material was clean and Mr. Delaney would be taking approximately about 5,000 cubic yards. Mr. Haddad said that the more material they kept in town, the less trucking costs the project would see.

Mr. Degen moved to grant the earth removal exemption for the Florence Roche Elementary School Project for a quantity not to exceed 55,000 cubic yards. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. McElroy said that they would be mobilizing over the next few weeks before they could start the earth removal work which they hoped to start in early May.

2. Mr. Haddad said that as directed by the Select Board at last week's meeting, he reached out to the Park Commission and requested that they conduct testing for PFAS in all fields irrigated by private wells. He said that the cost to do this testing (4 fields) was \$1,600. He said that the Park Commission would conduct and pay for this testing when they activated the wells next month. Mr. Haddad said that the Water Superintendent correctly pointed out that they should be testing the well that supplies drinking water at their DPW Facility at a cost of \$550. Mr. Orcutt said that he collected the samples that day and would have the results back in 3-4 weeks. Mr. Haddad said he would report the results of the tests to the Board when completed.

Mr. Haddad said he sent the Board the response they received from DEP that irrigation could continue to occur. Mr. Orcutt said that PFAS affected water did not grab onto anything when reentering the ground and found its way back to water. Ms. Pine said that the mosquito spraying that they were required to be involved in through the State had PFAS in it. Mr. Haddad said that they would only spray if Groton was a EEE or West Nile Community. Ms. Pine said she wasn't sure if it was feasible to be removed from the program or not but had started to ask.

3. Mr. Haddad said that as voted last week by both the Finance Committee and Select Board, the FY 2023 Operating Budget was finalized and no update or further action was required. Mr. Haddad said that with regard to the Capital

Budget, at last week's meeting, Select Board Member Degen stated that the \$60,000 that they had set aside for the Groton Country Club Pool Deck was not sufficient and they would need substantially more. Mr. Haddad said that Mr. Degen was correct as they received a quote for \$91,000, that did not consider Prevailing Wages in the quote. He said that given the fact that they would like to complete this project next fall as it was sorely needed, they would need another \$50,000. Mr. Haddad said that currently, the Capital Stabilization Fund had a balance of \$680,435. He said that the current proposed budget called for using \$538,000 out of this fund, leaving a balance of \$142,435. Mr. Haddad said that they could increase the deck appropriation to \$110,000, leaving a balance in the Capital Stabilization Fund at \$92,435. Mr. Haddad respectfully requested that the Select Board consider supporting this change in the Capital Budget.

Mr. Degen suggested that they put out one bid for the pickle ball courts and the pool deck to try to save some money. Ms. Manugian asked when they were going to consider making the Country Club an enterprise fund. Mr. Haddad said that they had many internal conversations about this but wanted to have more years under their belt to analyze first.

Mr. Cunningham moved that they increase the budget number for the pool deck at the Country Club to \$110,000 to come from the capital stabilization fund. Ms. Pine seconded the motion.

Mr. Degen said he was tired of numbers coming forward for projects that were not correct. He said it was important to have the correct numbers before them the first time. Ms. Pine said she couldn't dispute this adding the pandemic and world events were still impacting the costs of everything with numbers changing dramatically every week. Mr. Haddad said that with regard to this, this was put into the capital budget 5 years ago and took responsibility for not updating this. Mr. Haddad said that they had always gone to Town Meeting with bids in hand but couldn't control what the CPC required as they came to him after they had gone through their process. Mr. Haddad said that they had always done a good job with bidding out projects. Ms. Pine suggested scheduling a meeting with the CPC to discuss improvements to their process.

The motion carried 4-1 with Mr. Degen opposed.

4. Mr. Haddad reviewed the Board's meeting schedule.

SELECT BOARD ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Mr. Haddad said that they had a last-minute request for the addition of a warrant article from the Water Department. He said that the article amended the Zone II Water Resource Protection Overlay District Map to add their new well. Mr. Haddad said that the Board needed to vote to open the warrant, add the article, close the warrant and issue the warrant.

Mr. Degen moved that they open the town meeting warrant. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Degen moved to add a new article 14 to add the Water Resource Protection Overlay District Map to the April 30, 2022 warrant. Mr. Reilly seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Degen moved to close the town meeting warrant. Mr. Reilly seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board was in favor of this warrant article.

Mr. Degen moved that they authorize the Town Manager to issue the warrant as amended that evening. Ms. Manugian seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Mr. Haddad respectfully requested that the Board make a decision on whether or not to require masks at Town Meeting. He recommended that the Board follow the same protocol currently instituted at Town Hall, whereas, masks were not required and were at an individual's personal preference.

Ms. Manugian moved that they require masks at Town Meeting. Ms. Pine seconded the motion.

Ms. Pine said she didn't think they would require masks but with the recent uptick thought they should consider it. Ms. Collette said that the Board of Health wasn't aware of this discussion but said she had been at three different forums recently where masks were required. She said that when you get in an indoor situation, where it could be crowded it seemed prudent to ask people to wear masks. She said that this was her own opinion.

The motion carried 3-2 with Mr. Reilly and Mr. Degen not in favor.

3. Mr. Haddad reviewed the proposed warrant article assignments of the Board.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Haddad said that the Board authorized him to issue an RFP for a feasibility study to be done on Broadmeadow Road. He said it was a daunting task but would have it ready to go this week. He said that they received word from Congresswoman Trahan about earmark requests for Community Project Funding. He said that they received a similar email from Senator Warren's office. He said that they submitted the request to Congresswoman Trahan that day and would be submitting similar emails to Senator Markey and Warren tomorrow.

LIAISON REPORTS

Mr. Degen said that the Sign Committee met that day to discuss a sign that had been erected along a windscreen in between abutting properties. He said that the sign had vulgarity on it over a dispute between neighbors over a construction site. He said that they asked Town Counsel to review their sign bylaw to see if they could address this. He said it was rude and vulgar language and asked the homeowner to take down the sign and just try to get along with each other. Ms. Pine said that she thought a sign with profanity on it was not a sign of good behavior.

MINUTES

Mr. Cunningham moved to approve the minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting on April 4, 2022. Ms. Manugian seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm.

Approved: _____
Peter S. Cunningham, Clerk

_____ respectfully submitted: Dawn Dunbar,
Executive Assistant to the Town Manager

Date Approved: