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To: *Board of Selectmen*

From: *Mark W. Haddad – Town Manager*

Subject: *Weekly Report*

Date: *February 8, 2016*

1. Scheduled on Monday's Agenda is just one item. Attorney Robert Collins will be in attendance at the meeting to introduce a plan to the Board of Selectmen from the Groton School that would install a sidewalk on Farmers Row, Peabody Street and Old Ayer Road. Enclosed in the packet is a letter from Attorney Collins explaining the proposal, along with a map of the layout of the sidewalk.
2. Enclosed with this report is the FY 2016 Second Quarter Financial Statement for your review. We can discuss and review this in more detail at Monday's meeting
3. As part of our quarterly review of the Town's Finances, the Chairman has requested that the Board take this opportunity to review the Board's annual goals and objectives as well to see what progress has been made. Enclosed with this report are your goals. I look forward to discussing this in more detail with the Board at Monday's meeting.
4. Selectman Degen had raised an issue with me and Chairman Petropoulos on the status of the Country Club Liquor Licenses. As you are aware, the Town is holding these licenses, but they are being utilized by Luke and Kate Kenney, who lease both the Tavern and Function Hall from the Town. These licenses have been used by the Kenney's since May, 2015. In December, 2015, the Board of Selectmen renewed the licenses to the Town, with the proviso that these licenses be transferred to the Kenney's by June 1, 2016. That said, Selectman Degen believes that the Kenney's should pay a license fee to the Town for the use of the licenses for 7 months in 2015. This will not be an issue in 2016, as they will pay the license fees upon transfer in June. The ABCC requires two licenses at the Country Club since there are two separate buildings (Gibbet Hill is required to obtain two licenses as well). The original licenses held by the Town in 2015 for the Club were classified as a Club – Non Profit License since they were held by the Town. The license fee charged in previous years was \$500 per license. The fee charged for a full liquor license for restaurant and/or function hall is \$3,000. That said, I am recommending that the Board not charge the Kenney's for these licenses in 2015. There are many reasons for this recommendation. First, when the original lease was signed by the Kenney's for the Tavern, there was no discussion that they would be required to pay the fee while the liquor license was held by the Town.

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Second, the Kenney's have provided many services to the Town for which they have not charged the Town. These include providing two offices in the Function Hall for the Town in which they do not charge rent; agreeing to cover all events booked by the Town prior to them leasing the Function Hall in which they agreed to honor all terms accepted by the Town (at a loss to the Kenney's); free use of the Function Hall by our Summer Camps during inclement weather; and the fact that the Tavern is a Seasonal Business only open during golf season. The Town has been more than compensated for these licenses. Moving forward, I am recommending that the Selectmen consider approving the transfer of the licenses on June 1, 2016. The Kenney's should be charged \$3,000 for the Function Hall License. With regard to the Tavern, I am recommending that the Selectmen institute a seasonal license since it is only open a portion of the year. A seasonal license is allowed under state law. Based on our review of other communities that have seasonal licenses, we are recommending that the Selectmen establish a fee of \$1,000 for the Seasonal License. We can discuss all of this in more detail at Monday's meeting.

5. The Economic Development Committee has requested that the Board of Selectmen appoint John Konezny of 600 Main Street to the Committee. I would respectfully request that the Board consider this appointment at Monday's meeting.
6. The Invasive Control Committee has requested that the Board change the name of their Committee to the Invasive Species Committee. The Committee believes that the name "Invasive Species" was more inclusive. Their goal is to assemble and disseminate information on multiple aspects of invasive species in Town, not just their control. I would ask the Board to consider making this change at Monday's meeting.
7. At this time, I have no specific update on the FY 2017 Proposed Budget. I will advise the Board should something change that would require an update.

MWH/rjb
Enclosure