



## TOWN OF GROTON

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## Board of Selectmen

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**To:** *Board of Selectmen*

**From:** *Mark W. Haddad – Town Manager*

**Subject:** *Weekly Report*

**Date:** *May 9, 2016*

1. There is nothing specifically scheduled on Monday's Agenda.
2. The Police Chief has asked me to appoint Joshua Grigg, Richard Rene and Caitlyn Murphy as Reserve Police Officers. I have, in fact, made these appointments and the Board should consider this as notification of these appointments. Pursuant to Section 4-2(c) of the Groton Charter, I would respectfully request that the Board consider ratifying these appointments at Monday's meeting.
3. In conjunction with our IT Director Michael Chiasson and Town Accountant Patricia DuFresne, we have been working on providing a "Visual" Budget on the Town's website in an effort to provide more information to our residents. This is another step taken to address our goal of making municipal government more transparent. Michael will be at the meeting Monday to present this to the Board. We have made the same presentation to the Finance Committee and they enthusiastically support its inclusion on our website. We can discuss this in more detail at Monday's meeting.
4. As discussed last week, I have made various revisions to the proposed Charge for the new Prescott Committee. One major change was the name of the Committee. Based on what the Board discussed last week, I am proposing that it be called the "Prescott Development Committee". Since last Monday, it was brought to our attention that the Town cannot charge rent from the Regional School Department, as it is illegal under Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 71, §14C. We may need more time to determine the impact this has on the Financial Plan for the future of the Building. I hope to have more information for you at Monday's meeting.
5. As you will recall, the Charter Review Committee had proposed that the Board consider the adoption of a Records Policy to enhance public access to Town information. The Board directed me to work with various individuals to draft this policy. Selectman Peter Cunningham, Town Clerk Michael Bouchard, IT Director Michael Chiasson, Charter Committee Chairman Michael Manugian and I met several times to review and draft a policy for the Board's consideration. Our proposed policy is attached to this report for your review and consideration. I look forward to talking about this in more detail with the Board at Monday's meeting.

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4. With this being the last scheduled regularly scheduled meeting before the second night of Town Meeting (unless we meet on May 18<sup>th</sup>), I would like to set aside time on the Agenda for the Board to review the remaining articles to be considered. Enclosed with this report are the motions for your review. We can discuss this further at Monday's meeting.
5. I would like to propose the following meeting schedule that will take the Board through Labor Day (obviously, this schedule would be subject to change based on need):

Monday, May 9, 2016	Regularly Scheduled Meeting
Monday, May 16, 2016	No Meeting\
Tuesday, May 17, 2016	Annual Town Election
Wednesday, May 18, 2016	Special Meeting (If necessary)
Monday, May 23, 2016	First Adjourned Session of 2016 Spring Town Meeting
Monday, May 30, 2016	No Meeting (Memorial Day)
Monday, June 6, 2016	Regularly Scheduled Meeting
Monday, June 13, 2016	Regularly Scheduled Meeting
Monday, June 20, 2016	No Meeting
Monday, June 27, 2016	Regularly Scheduled Meeting
Monday, July 4, 2016	No Meeting (July 4 <sup>th</sup> Holiday)
Monday, July 11, 2016	Regularly Scheduled Meeting
Monday, July 18, 2016	No Meeting
Monday, July 25, 2016	Regularly Scheduled Meeting
Monday, August 1, 2016	No Meeting
Monday, August 8, 2016	Regularly Scheduled Meeting
Monday, August 15, 2016	No Meeting
Monday, August 22, 2016	Regularly Scheduled Meeting
Monday, August 29, 2016	No Meeting
Tuesday, September 6, 2016	Regularly Scheduled Meeting

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MWH/rjb  
Enclosures