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To: *Board of Selectmen*

From: *Mark W. Haddad – Town Manager*

Subject: *Weekly Report*

Date: *January 11, 2016*

1. Scheduled on Monday's Agenda are three items. First, the Board will be meeting in joint session with the Board of Assessors to consider appointing an individual to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rena Swezey. Don Black of Long Cope Road and John Kane of Oxbow Lane have expressed an interest in the position. The remaining members of the Board of Assessors and Selectmen can appoint one of the individuals to serve until the next election. Since Ms. Swezey's term ends this year, whoever is appointed can choose to run for a new three year term at the Spring, 2016 Election. Second, Attorney Robert Collins, representing the Groton School, has requested time on the Agenda to discuss Groton's School proposal to extend the sidewalk on Farmers Row. Attorney Collins will have the proposed layout for the Board at Monday's meeting. Third, Mary Jennings will be before the Board, representing the Friends of the Prescott School to discuss their proposed application before the Community Preservation Committee for improvements to the Prescott School.
2. It is that time of the year for the Board to call for the 2016 Spring Town Meeting. Enclosed with this report is the proposed schedule for the Meeting. I would respectfully request that the Board call for the meeting to be held on Monday, April 25, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. and to open the Warrant effective Tuesday, January 12, 2016 and close the Warrant on Friday, February 26, 2016 at the close of business. We can review the schedule further at Monday's meeting.
3. For the third time in the last four months, it has been requested that the Board discuss the start time of Selectmen's meeting. We have been starting the meetings at 6:00 p.m. since June, 2015 and have received only two complaints about the time. I would respectfully request that the Board vote to continue the start time at 6:00 p.m. We can discuss this further at Monday's meeting.

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4. At your last meeting, Selectmen Degen asked me to review the Housing Trust Declaration to determine the role and number of Selectmen required to be on the Affordable Housing Trust. Article 3 of the Trust Declaration reads as follows:

"There shall be a Board of Trustees consisting of five (5) Trustees appointed by the Board of Selectmen. At least one of the Trustees shall be a member of the Groton Board of Selectmen, who shall serve as the representative of the Board of Selectmen. Only persons who are residents of Groton shall be eligible to hold the office of Trustee. The Trustees shall serve for a term not to exceed two years and may be re-appointed at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen."

We can discuss this further at Monday's meeting.

5. As part of my FY 2017 Budget Update, Selectman Petropoulos has requested that the Board consider the appointment of a Committee that would evaluate projected budget costs and report back to the Board and Finance Committee on proposals to address future costs, including employee benefits. We can discuss the formation and make-up of this proposed Committee at Monday's meeting.

MWH/rjb
Enclosure