



TOWN OF GROTON

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To: *Board of Selectmen*

From: *Mark W. Haddad – Town Manager*

Subject: *Weekly Report*

Date: *February 29, 2016*

1. Please note that Monday's meeting will be held in the second floor meeting room beginning at 6:00 p.m. Scheduled on Monday's Agenda is just one item. The Board will be meeting in joint session with the Finance Committee. The purpose of the meeting will be for the Town Manager to present various revised FY 2017 Operating Budgets based on the new guidance voted by both the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee. At the meeting, I will have all pertinent information for presentation.
2. Police Chief Donald Palma's current Agreement expires on June 30, 2016. Section II, Paragraph B states that "The Board of Selectmen shall vote on or before March 1, 2016 at a Regular Meeting whether or not it intends to renew this Agreement for an additional three-year period and shall give the Employee written notice of its decision on or before April 1, 2016. If such notice is not given, the Agreement shall be automatically renewed for a one-year period." Chief Palma has indicated to me that he would like to continue on as Police Chief. I would respectfully request that the Board determine at Monday's meeting whether or not you intend to enter into contract negotiations on a new contract. For your information, should you decide to enter into contract negotiations with the Chief, it has been the practice of the Board to have me negotiate the contract with the Chief based on parameters set by the Board and bring the Board a final contract for approval. We can discuss this further at Monday's meeting.
3. Enclosed with this report is a red-lined copy of the Board's Procedures and Practices. I have made all the amendments discussed by the Board at your workshop of February 17, 2016. I believe I made all the amendments requested. I would call your attention to the bottom of page five where we have added a statement on voting at meetings of all Boards and Committees. We can discuss this in more detail at Monday's meeting. If you find them acceptable, I would ask the Board to vote to approve the revised policies.
4. It is that time of the year again for the Annual Taste of Nashoba Valley sponsored by the Nashoba Valley Chamber of Commerce. They have requested a one day all alcohol liquor license for the event to be held from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 22, 2016. I would ask the Board to approve this request at Monday's meeting.

MWH/rjb

Enclosure