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To: *Board of Selectmen*

From: *Mark W. Haddad – Town Manager*

Subject: *Weekly Report*

Date: *March 14, 2016*

1. Scheduled on Monday's Agenda is just one item. In keeping with the Board's policy to receive annual reports from your various committees and commissions, the Affordable Housing Trust will be in to provide the Board with their annual report.
2. The Conservation Commission has requested that the Board approve the Conservation Restriction for Baddacook Field/Shattack Homestead (Martins Pond Road). As you may recall, the original Conservation Restriction was previously approved by the Board (Grantor), the Groton Conservation Trust (Grantee), and then-Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs (EEA) Richard Sullivan. However, it was returned to the Town with a request to make additional revisions to the Conservation Restriction language and also to the supporting plan attachments (Exhibits B, C & D). After many iterations, the Restriction and Exhibits have been revised to the satisfaction of EEA/Division of Conservation Services. However, the Town needs to go through the signature process again. As the Grantor, the Selectmen would sign first. After the Selectmen sign off, then it would go to the Groton Conservation Trust who will hold the Restriction as Grantee. After these local signatures are secured, we would send it to EEA for Secretary Matthew Beaton's signature. The original, signed document will then be sent back to the Town for recording at the Registry. Attached to this report are clean versions of the final revised Restrictions and Exhibits. Also attached for reference is a redline version of the Restriction that shows all of the revisions requested by EEA, as well as the old Exhibits file. I would respectfully request that the Board approve this revised Conservation Restriction at Monday's meeting.
3. At your meeting last week, Selectman Degen requested that the Board amend the Charge of the Sustainable Budget Committee to remove individuals who are not residents of the Town and replace them with residents. Enclosed with this report is the current approved charge for your review. Please note that I have amended the Charge to reflect the change of removing the Human Resources Director and replacing that position with a Representative of the Groton Dunstable Regional School Committee as voted at last week's meeting. We can discuss this further at Monday's meeting.
4. As requested by the Board at last week's meeting, I have drafted letters to be sent to both Senator Eileen Donoghue and Representative Sheila Harrington urging them to support increased Chapter 70 and Chapter 71 Funding. I hope that you find them acceptable. I would ask the Board to approve the letters at Monday's meeting.

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5. I have been advised that Kevin Kelly has reconsidered his resignation from the Tennessee Gas Pipeline Working Group. He would like to be reappointed. Enclosed with this report is a letter from the Electric Light Commission stating that this appointment request is contingent on a unanimous vote of the Board and that they do not believe an apology from Mr. Kelly for his actions when resigning is warranted. I would ask the Board to consider making this reappointment at Monday's meeting.
6. I have been asked by the Groton Historic Districts Commission to appoint Paul Benedict to the Commission to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Patricia Hardy. This appointment would be through June 30, 2018. Pursuant to Section 4-2(C) of the Groton Charter, I would respectfully request that the Board approve this appointment at Monday's meeting.
7. The First Parish Church has requested a one day Beer and Wine License for an Evening of Story Telling to be held on Saturday, April 2, 2016 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. I would ask the Board to consider approving this request at Monday's meeting.
8. Salt & Light Bistro (formerly known as Roots Café & Bistro) has requested two one day all alcohol liquor licenses for private events to be held on Saturday, March 19, 2016 and Friday, March 25, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. I would ask the Board to consider approving these requests at Monday's meeting.
9. The Chairman of the Board has finalized the summary review of the Town Manager based on the individual reviews conducted by the members. Enclosed with this report is the final summary for your review and approval. I have some concerns with this review that I will discuss with the Board at Monday's meeting.
10. As you are aware, the Board and Town Manager have reached a tentative agreement on a new three year contract that will be effective from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019. Enclosed with this report is a copy of the financial impact, along with a red-lined copy of the proposed contract. I would respectfully request, if the Board is so inclined, to vote to approve this contract at Monday's meeting.
11. Based on action taken by the Finance Committee at their meeting of Tuesday, March 8, 2016, I have updated all the relevant FY 2017 Budget Documents. They are enclosed with this report for your review. I would like to take some time at Monday's meeting reviewing them with the Board. I look forward to our continued review of the proposed FY 2017 Budget.

MWH/rjb

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