



## TOWN OF GROTON

173 Main Street  
Groton, Massachusetts 01450-1237  
Tel: (978) 448-1111  
Fax: (978) 448-1115

## Board of Selectmen

John G. Petropoulos, *Chairman*  
Joshua A. Degen, *Vice-Chairman*  
Barry A. Pease, *Clerk*  
Peter S. Cunningham, *Member*  
Anna Eliot, *Member*

**Town Manager**  
Mark W. Haddad

**To:** *Board of Selectmen*

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

**Subject:** *Weekly Report*

**Date:** *August 29, 2016*

1. Scheduled on Monday's Agenda are two items. First, the Board will conduct a public hearing on the request of Lawrence Academy to discontinue the lower portion of Powderhouse Road. Enclosed in the packet are two letters from Attorney Robert Collins requesting this discontinuance. Please note that this is a two-step process. Should the Selectmen vote to approve the discontinuance, Town Meeting will have to approve it as well. Second, the Board will be meeting in joint session with the Park Commission to consider the appointments of James Gaffney and Timothy Siok to the Park Commission until the next election to fill the vacancies caused by the resignations of Matthew Frary and Gineane Haberlin from the Commission.
2. I have made three appointments that I would respectfully request that the Board of Selectmen vote to ratify at Monday's meeting. Specifically, I have appointed Nicholas Batchelder of Gardner, MA as the IT Desktop Specialist, Ann Livezey of Pepperell, MA as the Sewer Department Office Assistant and Michelle Collette as an Election Worker. I have enclosed with this report both Mr. Batchelder's and Ms. Livezey's resumes for your review. We can discuss this in more detail at Monday's meeting.
3. There is one vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals for a full member caused by the decision of Alison Manugian not to seek reappointment this year. Bruce Easom has served as an Alternate Member of the ZBA for several years. The ZBA is recommending that the Board vote to appoint Mr. Easom to the full member vacancy. The term would run through June 30, 2019. I would respectfully request that the Board consider making this appointment at Monday's meeting. Please note that we have three Alternate vacancies on the ZBA.
4. Enclosed with this report is the Fiscal Year 2016 Fourth Quarter Financial Report prepared by the Town Accountant. I would like to take some time at Monday's meeting reviewing this report.
5. Also enclosed with this report are a copy of both the Board of Selectmen's and Town Manager's 2016 Goals and Objectives. The Board had requested that we review these goals on a quarterly basis at the same time we review the Town's financials. To help with this review, I have provided a brief update after each item as to where it currently stands. I look forward to discussing this in more detail with the Board at Monday's meeting.

**Board of Selectmen**  
**Weekly Report**  
**August 29, 2016**  
**page two**

6. The Board has received a request from the Groton Service Center for a Class II License for their premises located at 15 Elm Street. As the Board will recall, this came before the Board a few months ago and the Board deferred action on this matter pending Zoning Board of Appeals action on a Special Permit. The ZBA has, in fact, approved the Special Permit with conditions. Therefore, I would respectfully request that the Board consider granting this license with the same conditions. Specifically, those conditions would be as follows:
1. No More than three cars shall be displayed for sale on the site.
  2. No for-sale signs, flags or stickers will be displayed on the cars or on site.
  3. The cars shall be parked in the three spaces on the southwesterly side of the lot.
  4. All conditions of the ZBA Special Permit, including Planning Board site plan review, shall be complied with.
  5. The fence shall be maintained that is located on either side of the parking area.
  6. Hours of Operation shall be no greater than 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday.
  7. The license is non-transferable.
  8. The dumpster shall remain in the building at all times, including during pick-up.

I have enclosed a copy of both the application and ZBA Special Permit with this report for your review.

7. Enclosed with this report is notification from Attorney Thomas Gibbons, who represents Jodie Gilson of Ayer, Massachusetts. Mr. Gibbons is informing the Town of Ms. Gilson's intent to sell a portion of land (approximately 16.56 acres) situated on Dale Lane in Groton, MA. This land is currently classified as Chapter 61A land. The Town of Groton has the right of first refusal to purchase this land. Ms. Gilson has entered into a Purchase and Sales Agreement with Edward Juskalian for \$330,000. The Town has 120 days to decide whether or not to exercise their purchase rights. The Planning Board recommends purchase and the Conservation Commission has voted to purchase the land subject to Board of Selectmen approval. The Commission would use funding from the Conservation Fund for this purchase. Attorney Robert Collins, who represents Edward Juskalian, is urging the Board not to exercise this option and has sent a letter to the Board explaining his client's position. It is enclosed with this report for your review. I have also enclosed correspondence from both the Planning Board and Conservation Commission with this report. I would ask the Board to consider taking action, one way or the other, on this issue at Monday's meeting.

MWH/rjb

enclosures