



## TOWN OF GROTON

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**To:** *Board of Selectmen*

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

**Subject:** *Weekly Report*

**Date:** *March 6, 2017*

1. Scheduled on Monday's Agenda are two items. First, the Board of Selectmen will be conducting a Public Hearing to consider the issuance of an All-Alcoholic Restaurant Liquor License for Groton Center Station, LLC located at 20 Station Avenue. Second, the Personnel Board will be in attendance to provide the Board with their annual report.
2. As discussed at last week's meeting, I have reached out to Alison Manugian about her willingness to be appointed to the vacancy on the School Committee until the Election. She has told me that she is willing to be appointed. Therefore, with the Board of Selectmen's and Groton Dunstable Regional School Committee's approval, I will add this to the Selectmen's Agenda for your meeting of March 13<sup>th</sup>. We can discuss this further at Monday's meeting.
3. As requested by the Board, I have reached out to Town Counsel and the Planning Board about instituting a moratorium on recreational marijuana dispensaries in Groton until such time as the Legislature takes action on the matter. With regard to medical marijuana facilities, I have discussed this with Russ Burke, Chairman of the Planning Board. According to Russ, the proposed zoning article regulates dispensaries, not non-medical retail sales. The State legislation and regulations for medical dispensaries are already in place and have been for some time. With regard to dispensaries for recreational marijuana, according to Town Counsel, some communities have been considering a moratorium on recreational marijuana. In Town Counsel's view, it is permissible and either the Board of Selectmen or Planning Board can submit a zoning article to Town Meeting requesting this moratorium. Enclosed with this report is a sample Article that the Board can consider bringing to the 2017 Spring Town Meeting. We can discuss this in more detail at Monday's meeting.
4. As requested by the Board, I have drafted letters to both Senator Donoghue and Representative Harrington requesting their assistance in working with MassDOT to construct a sidewalk on Route 119 from Old Ayer Road to CVS. I would ask the Board to approve the draft of these letters at Monday's meeting.
5. Enclosed with this report is the first draft of the 2017 Spring Town Meeting. I would like to take some time at Monday's meeting reviewing this draft and determining if the order of Articles needs to change and should articles be added or removed. I have invited members of the Town Meeting Senior Center Review Committee to the meeting to provide the Board with an update of their work. Also enclosed with this report, is a summary from the Committee on their work thus far. I look forward to discussing all of these issues in more detail with the Board at Monday's meeting.

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6. The Groton Dunstable Youth Basketball League has donated \$5,000 to the Park Commission's Basketball Gift Fund to be used by the Park Commission to benefit the new basketball courts at Town Field and Cutler Field. I would respectfully request that the Board vote to accept this gift at Monday's meeting.
7. As has been my practice, I have set aside time on Monday's Agenda to provide the Board with an update on the Fiscal Year 2018 budget. I will have a report for the Board at the meeting. Please note that the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> to continue their deliberations on the proposed Budget.

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