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To: *Board of Selectmen*

From: *Mark W. Haddad – Town Manager*

Subject: *Weekly Report*

Date: *March 20, 2017*

1. Scheduled on Monday's Agenda are two items. First, the Board of Selectmen will be meeting in joint session with the Finance Committee to conduct a Public Hearing on the 2017 Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Enclosed in the packet is the latest draft of the Warrant that has been reviewed and edited by Town Counsel. Second, in conjunction with the Warrant, the Board will need to conduct a public hearing to consider accepting the layout of the remaining portion of Robin Hill Road and Cardinal Lane that are on the Warrant for Town Meeting Acceptance.
2. With regard to the Warrant, I want to call to the attention of the Board two issues for consideration in conjunction with the review of the Warrant. First, the Board received a request from Arthur Prest to re-open the Warrant to add an article that would ask Town Meeting to approve paying the Town's share of the Pepperell SRF. According to Mr. Prest, he is requesting that an article be added regarding the \$27,000 per year for the "assessment" to the Town of Groton Municipal Government from the Groton Sewer Commission for the Town of Pepperell's 2006 Waste Water Treatment Plant Upgrade. As you know, the total assessment is \$54,000 and the Sewer Commission pays the other \$27,000. Since there are nine more years left on this assessment (totaling an additional \$243,000, Mr. Prest feels the Town Meeting should vote to accept this liability since it was never formerly voted in the past. We can discuss this further at Monday's meeting. Second, the Board of Selectmen needs to decide whether or not you want to add a question to the Annual Town Election Ballot requesting approval of any funding of a Senior Center. This would be in the form of either a debt exclusion or a one-time capital exclusion. We can discuss this as well at Monday's meeting.
3. As discussed at last week's meeting, enclosed with this report is the charge for the Commemorations and Celebrations Committee that I drafted and I would respectfully request that the Board consider approving at Monday's meeting. Please note that I am proposing that this be a seven member Committee made up of both citizens and employees. In addition, the Groton Herald was kind enough to advertise this Committee and ask for Volunteers to contact the Selectmen's Office. At this time, I am requesting that the board appoint Don Black, Don Palma, Steele McCurdy, Bob Johnson and Evan Boucher to the Committee. I will bring any future volunteers to the Board to fill out the Committee.
4. 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.

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