



## TOWN OF GROTON

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## Board of Selectmen

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**Town Manager**  
Mark W. Haddad

**To:** *Board of Selectmen*

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

**Subject:** *Weekly Report*

**Date:** *March 27, 2017*

1. Please note that the Board will conduct an Executive Session to discuss the Fire Chief's proposed new contract beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room. Enclosed in the packet is the red-lined version of the contract. I have sent it to Town Counsel for his review and approval, per the Board's policy. The regularly scheduled meeting commences at 7:00 p.m. There is nothing specifically scheduled on Monday's Agenda.
2. Should the Board approve the proposed Agreement with the Fire Chief in the Executive Session, the Board will need to take a formal vote in public session to approve the contract. I have set aside time during the Town Manager's Report for the Board to take any necessary votes. We can discuss this further at Monday's meeting.
3. The Town Clerk has requested that I appoint Katrina Posner of 14 Spruce Road as an Election Worker and the Trails Committee has requested that I appoint Bob Ordemann of 507 Longley Road to the Trails Committee. I have, in fact, made both of these appointments. Pursuant to Section 4-2(c) of the Groton Charter, I would respectfully request that the Board ratify these appointments at Monday's meeting.
4. First Parish Church has requested a One Day Liquor License for an "Evening of Irish Songs and Stories" to be held on Saturday, April 1, 2017 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. I would respectfully request that the Board consider approving this request at Monday's meeting.
5. The Board has received a request for an Earth Removal Exemption from William Lambirth of 41 Tavern Road and Jamie Caloggero of 71 Tavern Road to remove 4,500 cubic yards of fill from these properties. Enclosed with this report is a memorandum from the Earth Removal Stormwater Advisory Committee providing the Board with a recommendation on this request. I would respectfully request that the Board consider approving this exemption at Monday's meeting.

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6. I have set aside time during my Town Manager's Report for the Board to continue its review of the 2017 Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Enclosed with this report is the latest draft of the Warrant that was updated based on action taken by the Board at last week's meeting. I would call the Board's attention to the following with regard to the Warrant:
- a. The Town Meeting Senior Center Review Committee will be in attendance at Monday's meeting to discuss Article 10 and provide the Board with a status report and possible site recommendation. Depending on their recommendation, the Board may want to consider adding either a Proposition 2½ Debt Exclusion or Capital Exclusion Question to the 2017 Annual Election Ballot.
  - b. 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.
  - c. At last week's meeting, the Board asked me to determine the cost of having the DPW install the "All Are Welcome" markers at the various locations in Town. According to our DPW Director, he believes this will take two men two days to install them. He is estimating the cost of labor to be between \$1,000 and \$1,500.
  - d. The Board had requested a breakdown of the Friends of Prescott FY 2018 CPA Application. The breakdown is as follows:

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| - Reconfigure Rear Staircase flight to Basement to Allow for Enclosures - | \$ 5,000        |
| - Install Traffic Limit Bars on Basement Stairs (Front and Back) -        | \$ 3,000        |
| - Fire Alarm Upgrades -   | \$ 3,500        |
| - Sprinkler System for the Gymnasium -                                    | \$27,000        |
| - Ten Percent Contingency -   | <u>\$ 3,850</u> |
| Total   | \$42,350        |
  - e. I would respectfully request that the Board take positions on as many articles as possible 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.

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