



## TOWN OF GROTON

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## Board of Selectmen

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**To:** *Board of Selectmen*

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

**Subject:** *Weekly Report*

**Date:** *May 22, 2017*

1. First of all, I would like to congratulate Becky Pine and Alison Manugian on their election to the Groton Board of Selectmen. Scheduled on Monday's Agenda are two items. First, the winners of the All Are Welcome Essay Contest will be in to read their essays to the Board. Representing Grades PK through Second Grade is Anya Palermo. Grades 3-5 winner is Avery Columbus, and the Grade 6-8 winner is Susanna Majkut. Second, since this is the first meeting after the Annual Election, it has been the tradition of the Board to reorganize and elect a new Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Clerk for the ensuing year.
2. As you are aware, the Lost Lake Fire Protection Project was successfully completed last summer with the final Punch List items and As-built Plans being submitted by our engineers over this past winter. Due to the combination of a very good bidding climate, an excellent contractor, as well as great engineering and engineering oversight, the project has come in \$118,164 under budget. The 2015 Spring Town Meeting appropriated \$1,837,000 for this project. When we permanently finance the project, we will only borrow \$1,718,836 reducing the amount of anticipated annual principal and interest payments. This is good news for our taxpayers. We will be closing out the project on June 30, 2017. I want to thank Tom Orcutt for his excellent oversight, along with Don Palma, Steele McCurdy, Tom Delaney, Takashi Tada, Mike Hartnett and Patricia DuFrense for their help in making this project a success.
3. In October, 2016, the Board of Selectmen received a proposal from the Friends of Prescott to lease and operate the Prescott School. When the 2016 Fall Town Meeting voted to further study the Prescott School as a potential site for a new Senior Center, the Board of Selectmen requested that the Friends of Prescott extend their proposal through May 1, 2017. I have enclosed a copy of the main proposal with this report for your review, along with a letter from the Friends submitted last to the Board last week. The Board needs to decide whether or not the award the RFP to the Friends of Prescott to lease and operation of the Prescott School. We can discuss this in more detail at Monday's meeting.
4. With the defeat of the Debt Exclusion for the Senior Center, the money appropriated by the 2017 Spring Town Meeting for the design of a new Senior Center cannot be expended, thereby stopping the project at this time. At last week's meeting, the Board ratified my appointments to the Senior Center Building Committee. I would like to continue to work with this Committee to study the issue in more detail and come back to both the Board of Selectmen and Council on Aging with an alternative proposal for consideration. I look to the Board for further direction and guidance on this issue. We can discuss this further at Monday's meeting.

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5. Takashi Tada has recommended that I appoint Philip Marino as the Park Ranger for Sargisson Beach this summer. I have, in fact, made the appointment. Please consider this as official notification to the Board. Pursuant to Section 4-2(c) of the Groton Charter, I would respectfully request that the Board ratify this appointment at Monday's meeting.

MWH/rjb  
Enclosure