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To: *Board of Selectmen*

From: *Mark W. Haddad – Town Manager*

Subject: *Weekly Report*

Date: *October 17, 2017*

1. Please note that we are meeting on Tuesday this week and that the meeting will begin at 5:45 p.m. with an Executive Session for the purpose of preparing for collective bargaining with our seven unions. The Finance Committee will be in attendance for this Executive Session. The regular meeting will commence at the conclusion of the Executive Session, or 7:30 p.m., whichever comes first. There is nothing specifically on the Agenda for Tuesday's meeting.
2. I would respectfully request that the Board of Selectmen appoint An Hee Foley and Heather Rielly to the Prescott Oversight Committee. The Board has already appointed John Amaral to the three-year term on the Committee. John has requested that he be moved to the one-year term due to his work commitments. Should the Board agree to make this change, An Hee and Heather would need to be appointed to fill the three-year and two-year terms. The Board will need to decide that at Tuesday's meeting. We can discuss this further at the meeting.
3. During you Open Meeting Law Training, Town Counsel communicated a slight tweak in the way the Attorney General has worded the ability to use the Town's website as the official posting method for public meeting notices. In July, 2011, we informed the Attorney General that the Town of Groton would use the Public Meeting Calendar located at www.townofgroton.org and the bulletin board located in the front foyer of Town Hall as the official posting method. As Town Counsel stated, the new regulations state that the AG "authorizes use of the municipal website as official method of posting notice (still requires clerks to post inside Town Hall)." This is consistent with our current practice. Also stated in the new regulation is that the "choice to use [the] website [is] to be made by Board of Selectmen as Chief Executive Officer". Town Counsel advised that the Board of Selectmen should vote to use the Town's website as the official posting method, as a conservative measure to insure compliance with the new guidance. I would respectfully request that the Board take this vote at Tuesday's meeting.

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4. Enclosed with this report is a draft of the motions for the Town Meeting (without Town Counsel's edits) along with who will be making the motions. I would like to review this with the Board at Tuesday's meeting and go over any outstanding issues. I hope to have final prices on a couple of the Articles and cover any other issues that need to be discussed prior to the Town Meeting next week.

MWH/rjb
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