



## TOWN OF GROTON

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Mark W. Haddad

**To:** *Board of Selectmen*

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

**Subject:** *Weekly Report*

**Date:** *December 4, 2017*

1. Scheduled on Monday's Agenda are two items. First, we had scheduled a public hearing for the Board to conduct the annual Tax Classification Hearing to set the Fiscal Year 2018 Tax Rate. Unfortunately, the Assessors have not yet received final approval from the Department of Revenue on the values. Therefore, we cannot hold the hearing. I will be requesting that the Board open the public hearing and vote to continue to hearing until December 11, 2017 at 7:15 p.m. This will allow the Board to hold the hearing at your next meeting without having to re-advertise the public hearing. Second, we have received a request from Blood Farm to extend the earth removal permit for the Blood property located at 94 West Main Street. We have scheduled a public hearing for the Board to consider this request. Enclosed in the packet is the recommendation from the Earth Removal Committee on the application.
2. The Commission on Accessibility has recommended that I appoint Carol Ann Sutton to the Committee. I have in fact made this appointment. Pursuant to Section 4-2(c) of the Groton Charter, I would respectfully request that the Board ratify this appointment at Monday's meeting.
3. As you are aware, the Board has received an Open Meeting Law Violation complaint concerning an Executive Session held on October 23, 2017. Enclosed with this report is a copy of the Complaint, along with the Attorney General's Instruction on responding to the Complaint and Town Counsel's opinion on the Complaint. Basically, the Board must meet to respond to the complaint in writing and must send both the Complainant and Attorney General a response. This response can be delegated to me or Town Counsel, but the Board must first meet in public to review the Complaint. We can discuss this further at Monday's meeting.

MWH/rjb

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