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To: *Board of Selectmen*

From: *Mark W. Haddad – Town Manager*

Subject: *Weekly Report*

Date: *January 22, 2018*

1. Scheduled on Monday's Agenda are two items. First, the Board will hear the annual report of the Invasive Species Committee. Enclosed in the packet is their written report for your review. Second, the Senior Center Building Committee will be present to provide the Board with an update on the status of the proposed new Senior Center.
2. I have set aside time on the Agenda for the Board to discuss the Proposed Operating and Capital Budgets for Fiscal Year 2019. I will be prepared to answer any questions the Board may have. Please note that we are meeting with the Finance Committee on Saturday, January 27, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. to review the budget in more detail.
3. The Nashua River Wild and Scenic River Study Committee has requested that the Board appoint Stacey Chilcoat as the Town's Alternative Representative to the Committee. I would respectfully request that the Board consider making this appointment at Monday's meeting.
4. **REPEATED FROM LAST WEEK'S WEEKLY REPORT:** Last month, Selectman Pease requested that I provide the Board with an update as to the Negotiations with the Friends of Prescott to lease the Prescott School. Currently, the negotiations are on hold. An issue that has arisen relative to the reuse of Prescott that has impacted our negotiations the Lease. As you are aware, the Friends have been marketing and seeking tenants for the building as part of the development of their business plan. The response has been encouraging and has caused exploration on costs and permits for the specific possibilities. As a result of these efforts it has been called to our attention that the proposed mix of use may trigger building code compliance issues that may require a change to their near-term business plan and may affect the way a lease is constructed. The Friends have consulted with Attorney Robert Collins and he has been meeting with the Building Commissioner to determine the parameters of the permissible uses for the Structure. I expect Attorney Collins to provide an update to the Board on the status of these discussions at Monday's meeting.

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