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To: *Board of Selectmen*

From: *Mark W. Haddad – Town Manager*

Subject: *Weekly Report*

Date: *March 12, 2018*

1. Please note that Monday's meeting will commence at 6:30 p.m. with two Executive Sessions. The first will be to discuss matters pertaining to litigation. The second is to approve various executive session minutes. Scheduled on Monday's Agenda are two items. First, the Sargisson Beach Committee will be in to present their annual report to the Board. Second, I have set aside time on the Agenda for the Board to debate whether or not to propose to Town Meeting to hold the adjourned session of the 2018 Spring Town Meeting on the following Saturday. Please note that the Town's Bylaw leaves that decision to the Town Meeting, but the Selectmen can propose that to Town Meeting for consideration and action.
2. Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, §21C, Clause K, I would respectfully request that the Board vote to add the following question to the 2018 Spring Election Ballot:

QUESTION 1:

Shall the Town of Groton be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to construct a new Senior Center on the site of the existing Senior Center located at 163 West Main Street, West Groton, MA? Yes ___ No ___

We can discuss this in more detail at Monday's meeting.

3. As discussed at last week's meeting, Selectman Petropoulos and I have worked with Town Counsel and would propose that the Selectmen consider adding the following two non-binding questions to the 2018 Spring Town Election Ballot:

QUESTION 2 – NON-BINDING REFERENDUM – Should the sale of recreational marijuana be allowed in the Town of Groton?

Yes ___ No ___

QUESTION 3 – NON-BINDING REFERENDUM – Should the cultivation of recreational marijuana for commercial and retail purposes be allowed in the Town of Groton?

Yes ___ No ___

We can discuss this in more detail at Monday's meeting as well.

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4. After consultation with the State Inspector, Building Commissioner Ed Cataldo would like to conduct a Chapter 34 Review of the Prescott School. Basically, this review would be done by an engineer and they would examine the whole building, including structural, doors, emergency issues, bathrooms, stairways floor structures and anything else in the Building Code that will be required for the Use Change. I think this is an important step if the Board intends to lease the Building for any proposed use. I would request permission from the Board to seek quotes from qualified engineering firms to conduct this work. Once the bids are received, we can determine how to fund the work, either through a Reserve Fund Transfer Request or a line item transfer at the Spring Town Meeting. I look forward to discussing this in more detail with the Board at Monday's meeting.
5. I have set aside time on the Agenda to update the Board on any issues related to the Fiscal Year 2019 Operating Budget, including whether or not to pursue a second School Resource Officer.

MWH/rjb