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To: *Board of Selectmen*

From: *Mark W. Haddad – Town Manager*

Subject: *Weekly Report*

Date: *March 19, 2018*

1. Scheduled on Monday's Agenda is just one item. The Board of Selectmen will be meeting in joint session with the Finance Committee to conduct the Public Hearing on the 2018 Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Enclosed in your packet is the latest draft of the Warrant.
2. We have updated the Town's Financial Policies. Enclosed with this report is the red-lined version of the Policies outlining the changes. I would respectfully request that the Board vote to adopt these revised Policies at Monday's meeting.
3. I have reached out to Town Counsel and requested that he provide me with a series of Non-Binding Questions for the Board to consider adding to the 2018 Spring Election Ballot. Town Counsel has drafted the following eight questions for the Board's consideration:

QUESTION 2 – NON-BINDING REFERENDUM – Should marijuana cultivation be allowed in the Town of Groton? Yes _____ No _____

QUESTION 3 – NON-BINDING REFERENDUM – Should craft marijuana cooperatives be allowed to operate in the Town of Groton? Yes _____ No _____

QUESTION 4 – NON-BINDING REFERENDUM – Should the manufacture of marijuana products be allowed in the Town of Groton? Yes _____ No _____

QUESTION 5 – NON-BINDING REFERENDUM – Should the retail sale of recreational marijuana be allowed in the Town of Groton? Yes _____ No _____

QUESTION 6 – NON-BINDING REFERENDUM – Should marijuana research facilities be allowed in the Town of Groton? Yes _____ No _____

QUESTION 7 – NON-BINDING REFERENDUM – Should independent testing laboratories for marijuana be allowed in the Town of Groton? Yes _____ No _____

QUESTION 8 – NON-BINDING REFERENDUM – Should marijuana transporters be allowed to store or warehouse marijuana products in the Town of Groton? Yes _____ No _____

QUESTION 9 – NON-BINDING REFERENDUM – Should marijuana microbusinesses be allowed in the Town of Groton? Yes _____ No _____

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

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4. The Friends of Prescott have designated Bruce Easom to work with me on retaining Engineering Services to conduct the Building Code review of the Prescott School. We are in the process of reaching out to engineering firms to obtain quotes for this work. I hope to have an update for the Board at Monday's meeting.
5. We have been informed that the Performing Arts Center is available on Saturday, May 5th for the first adjourned session of the Spring Town Meeting. Since the first night is scheduled for Monday, April 30th, this would allow the Town Meeting to continue the following Saturday. The Boar needs to decide if you will propose this date to the 2018 Town Meeting for consideration. We can discuss this further at Monday's meeting.
6. 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. With regard to this issue, we have received a commitment from the Groton Dunstable Regional School Committee for \$20,000 for this position. In addition, Groton School has increased its annual PILOT by \$20,000 to be used at the Town's discretion. I am waiting to hear from Lawrence Academy on whether or not they will contribute and will be meeting with Dunstable Officials on Monday, the 19th. I will have an update for the Board at Monday's meeting.

MWH/rjb
enclosure