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To: *Board of Selectmen*

From: *Mark W. Haddad – Town Manager*

Subject: *Weekly Report*

Date: *April 2, 2018*

1. Please note that Monday's meeting will commence at 6:30 p.m. with an Executive Session. The purpose of the Executive Session will be for me to update the Board on the status of Collective Bargaining with the various Unions. The regular meeting will commence at 7:00 p.m. Scheduled on Monday's Agenda is just one item. The Board will be continuing the Public Hearing on the 2018 Spring Town Meeting Warrant. The main purpose of the continuation will be to review the proposed Community Preservation Projects, along with any other Articles the Board would like to further discuss. The Warrant (contained in the packet) has the updated approved projects for your review.
2. As you will recall, residents of West Street had filed a petition (copy enclosed with this report) requesting that the Selectmen approve and install a "No Right Turn" Sign on Route 119 East, barring traffic from turning right onto West Street. The Petitioners will be in attendance to discuss this further with the Board. I would respectfully request that you consider approving this request at Monday's meeting.
3. The Conservation Commission has designated Larry Hurley to serve as the Commission's representative on the Sargisson Beach Committee. I would respectfully request that the Board consider appointing Mr. Hurley to the Committee at Monday's meeting.
4. Depending on the Board's review during the Executive Session, I will be recommending that the Board vote to ratify the Tentative Agreement between the Town and AFSCME, Council 93 on a new three-year Agreement. We can discuss this further at Monday's meeting.
5. As you know, we have reached out to four firms to provide us with a quote to conduct a Code Compliance Review of the Prescott School. Quotes are due on March 30th. I will provide an update on the quotes to the Board under separate cover prior to the meeting. Depending on the quotes, we will need to determine how to fund this review. In addition, the Board needs to make a final determination on what to recommend for a budget for the Prescott School in FY 2019 after the School District moves out of the Building in August. Currently, there is an article on the Warrant requesting said funding. I would like to leave this Article on the Warrant and fund it accordingly. I do not want to inflate the Operating Budget if this is only a one-year appropriation until we determine the future of the Building based on the Code Compliance Review. At a minimum, we would need \$17,000 to insure the building, should it be vacant, to approximately \$32,000 should we decide to lease and operate the Building. I would recommend that we use either Free Cash or the Capital Stabilization Fund to cover this cost in FY 2019. Depending on the future use, we can incorporate this expense into the FY 2020 Budget. We can discuss this in more detail at Monday's meeting.

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6. Enclosed with this report is the latest draft of the Warrant. I have updated it based on action taken by the Board during the Public Hearing two weeks ago along with action taken at last week's meeting. As I stated last week, this draft contains the positions taken thus far by the Finance Committee. I would like to review this draft with the Board and request that you consider making recommendations on the various articles. In addition, I would like the Board to consider expanding the Consent Agenda (with the Moderator's approval) to include the following Articles:

Article 1: Hear Reports
Article 2: Elected Officials Compensation
Article 3: Wage and Classification Schedule
Article 9: Current Year Line Item Transfers
Article 10: Appropriate Money to Offset Snow and Ice Deficit
Article 11: Transfer within the Water Enterprise Fund
Article 12: Transfer within the Sewer Enterprise Fund
Article 13: Transfer within the Cable Enterprise Fund
Article 14: Prior Year Bills
Article 31: Accept Land Donation – Parcel 234-2-0
Article 32: Accept Land Donation – Parcel 205-41-0

Finally, enclosed with this report is the recommendation from the Board of Health on amending the proposed Four Corner Sewer Bylaw to require mandatory hook-ups. The Sewer Commission will be in attendance at the meeting to review this proposal with the Board. We can discuss all of this in more detail at Monday's meeting.

7. I have set aside time on the Agenda to update the Board on any issues related to the Fiscal Year 2019 Operating Budget. As you know, the Finance Committee has been working to finalize the proposed budget. I would like to use this time to update the Board on any action taken by the Finance Committee to finalize the Proposed Budget

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