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To: *Board of Selectmen*
From: *Mark W. Haddad – Town Manager*
Subject: *Weekly Report*
Date: *April 23, 2018*

1. Scheduled on Monday's Agenda is one item. The Board of Selectmen will be conducting a public hearing in its capacity as Sewer Commissioners for the Four Corners Sewer District to consider adopting Regulations, Rates and Fees for the District. Enclosed with the packet are the draft Regulations for your review and consideration. Jim Gmeiner, Chairman of the Sewer Commission, and Sewer Commissioner Tom Orcutt are recommending adopting of these regulations. Please note that these need to be adopted by May 1, 2018 as that is the date that the new medical building constructed by South Coast Development is scheduled to go on line.
2. It is that time of year for the Board to issue annual Fuel Storage Permits. Attached with this report is a list of the Permits that require Board action. Also enclosed is a copy of an email from me to the Board and a letter from the owner of the Groton Exchange with information concerning that particular Fuel Storage Permit renewal. We can discuss all of this in more detail at Monday's meeting.
3. Gary Green, Chair of the Finance Committee, and I have been working on a proposed Bylaw that would create a Permanent Building Committee. As the Board is aware, we have established Building Committees when required by a particular project. Both Gary and I would like to formalize a Committee that would be responsible for all future projects including the development and annual updating of long range building maintenance projects for the Town. Enclosed with this report is our proposed draft bylaw that would require Town Meeting action. I look forward to reviewing this in more detail with the Board at Monday's meeting.
4. On Thursday, April 19th, we opened the Construction Bids for the Senior Center. Enclosed with this report is a list of the bids. The Low Bid was from Nelco Construction in the amount of \$4,765,999. There is an issue with one of the sub-bidders, so we will need to carry \$4.8 million. Based on this, the following will be the amount requested under Article 5 at next week's Spring Town Meeting:

Construction:	\$4,800,000
Contingency – 5%:	\$ 240,000
Furnishings and Equipment	\$ 150,000
Clerk of the Works:	\$ 100,000
Architect Construction Management:	\$ 79,000
OPM Services	<u>\$ 62,000</u>

Total Request: \$5,431,000

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5. As the Board is aware, the Boelter v. Board of Selectmen Wayland Case has impacted the way the Board of Selectmen conducts the annual review of the Town Manager. The Board's current policy, drafted based on the original interpretation of the Open Meeting Law by the Attorney General, has been ruled to be in violation of the Open Meeting Law by the Supreme Judicial Court in the above referenced case. Enclosed with this report is the Attorney General's new guidance relative to reviews of public officials conducted by public bodies. To that end, the Chair and I have discussed this and believe the best way to address last year's annual review of the Town Manager is to release the individual Selectmen evaluations. I would ask the Board to approve this change. In addition, Town Counsel has revised the current Policy to comply with the new guidance. Also enclosed with this report is the redline draft of the Policy with Town Counsel's proposed changes. I would respectfully request that the Board consider adopting these amendments at Monday's meeting.

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