



## TOWN OF GROTON

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**Town Manager**  
Mark W. Haddad

**To:** *Select Board*

**From:** *Mark W. Haddad – Town Manager*

**Subject:** *Weekly Report*

**Date:** *February 4, 2019*

1. Other than the Town Manager's Report and a review of the On-going Issues List, there is nothing else specifically scheduled on Monday's Agenda.
2. The Sustainability Commission has requested that the Board vote to appoint Marina Khabituyeva to the Commission. The term would expire on June 30, 2019. I would respectfully request that the Board make this appointment at Monday's meeting.
3. As discussed last week, Board members have provided me with their requested goal assignments. Attached to this report are the Goals with the listed member responsible for overseeing a particular goal. I would respectfully request that the Board approve these assignments at Monday's meeting.
4. As you are aware, we have been gathering information for pursuing a Green Community designation for the Town of Groton. We have had several meetings with state officials concerning the process and conducted one public hearing. It appears we are ready to make a decision. To that end, I am recommending that the Board vote to pursue that designation and start the process for certification. The first step in the process is adopting the so-called "Stretch Code" at Town Meeting. Attached to this report is a summary of the Code, along with a proposed Warrant Article. I would respectfully request that the Board vote to pursue the designation at Monday's meeting and authorize me to add an Article to the 2019 Spring Town Meeting for the Town to consider adopting the Stretch Code. We can discuss this further at Monday's meeting.
5. Also attached to this report is a proposed Warrant Article to request Special Legislation to adopt a Ticket Tax in the Town of Groton. This proposed Warrant Article has been reviewed by Town Counsel and is ready for inclusion on the 2019 Spring Town Meeting Warrant should the Board decide to pursue such a Tax. For the Board's information, I have notified representatives from Indian Hill Music that this matter will be on Monday's Agenda. I look forward to discussing this with the Board in more detail at Monday's meeting.

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6. As we have discussed previously, I would like to further examine the idea to create 55 and older Housing (including an affordable housing component) on Town owned property. We have examined the potential for such a development on Groton Country Club property and I would like to determine how to proceed. To help the Board with this discussion, I am enclosing two items with this report. The first is a proposed layout of such a development at the Country Club, while the other document is a Community Preservation Application (CPA) for funding to help draft an RFP should we decide to proceed. Please note that the CPA Application was submitted as a placeholder to meet the Community Preservation Committee's Fiscal Year 2020 Funding Deadline. Should the Board decide not to proceed, we would withdraw the application. Please note we need to do some further due diligence on the need for this type of development and where to locate it. To that end, I am recommending that we follow Select Board Members Giger and Manugian's call to form a Committee to investigate this further. This is a very exciting proposal and I am looking forward to working on this with the Board as we address this matter.
7. I would respectfully request that the Board approve a One Day Beer and Wine License for Salt and Light Café for a Private Event to be held on Tuesday, February 12, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
8. I would respectfully request that the Board approve a One Day Beer and Wine License for Groton History Center for a Wine Tasting Gala to be held at the Groton School on Saturday, March 16, 2019 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
9. As is our practice during budget season, I have set aside time on the Agenda for the Board to discuss any issues related to the Proposed FY 2020 Operating Budget. This week, I would like to spend some time discussing the proposed budgets of the Nashoba Technical District and the GD Regional School District. With regard to Nashoba Tech, we had budgeted \$685,295 for next year, an increase of \$128,000. The proposed Assessment for FY 2020 is \$728,802, an increase of \$171,507 or \$43,507 more than we had in the proposed budget. With regard to the GRDSD, it is my understanding that the current amount under consideration by the Regional School Committee is \$21,573,025, which is \$276,485 more than we set aside in my proposed budget. The following chart shows a breakdown between what we had originally proposed and what is under consideration by both Regional School Committees:

	Town Manager				FY 2020			
	FY 2019 <u>Appropriated</u>	FY 2020 <u>Proposed</u>	<u>Amount</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>Percent</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>Currently Under</u> <u>Consideration</u>	<u>Amount</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>Percent</u> <u>Change</u>	
Nashoba Tech Assessment	\$ 557,295	\$ 685,295	\$ 128,000	22.97%	\$ 728,802	\$ 171,507	30.77%	
GDRSD Operational Assessment	\$ 20,215,428	\$ 21,296,540	\$ 1,081,112	5.35%	\$ 21,573,025	\$ 1,357,597	6.72%	

The proposed budget I submitted to you (with the Governor's Proposed Local Aid Number and a reduction in the Snow and Ice Deficit set aside) is now out of balanced by \$214,531. For comparison purposes, the originally proposed budget is out of balance by \$322,072

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