



## TOWN OF GROTON

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## Select Board

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**Town Manager**  
Mark W. Haddad

**To:** *Select Board*

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

**Subject:** *Weekly Report*

**Date:** *February 11, 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. Town Treasurer/Tax Collector Mike Hartnett will be in attendance at Monday's meeting to have the Board approve and sign some Bond Anticipation Notes (BAN). As part of our debt planning schedule, Mike will be taking BAN bids on February 7<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$1,040,485 for Highway Equipment, Safety Radios and the Whitney Well Construction Project. In addition, we will be paying off the BANs for the items we permanently borrowed last fall (Senior Center, Ladder Truck and Lost Lake). We can discuss the rates and payment schedule in more detail at Monday's meeting.
3. I would respectfully request that the Board vote to approve a Common Victualler License for the Station House Restaurant, LL, located at 28 Station Avenue. Hours of operation will be Sunday through Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 12 midnight.
4. I am pleased to announce to the Board that I have appointed Peter Violette of Ashby, MA as a Patrolman on the Groton Police Department. Mr. Violette has been a member of the Shirley Police Department for 23 years, serving most recently as a Sergeant. He comes highly recommended and we are very excited to bring him on Board to fill a vacancy on our Department. Pursuant to Section 4-2(c) of the Groton Charter, I would respectfully request that the Board consider ratifying this appointment at Monday's meeting.
5. As discussed last week, I have drafted a Charge for the so-called Affordable Housing and Country Club Review Committee for the Board's review and discussion. A copy of the draft Charge is attached to this report for your information. During the drafting of this charge, I had an in-depth discussion with Select Board Member Pine, who believes we need to further discuss this matter before making a final decision on this Committee. Specifically, the Board should determine if the Country Club is going to remain as a golf course, summer camp and pool facility before determining if an affordable housing development should be pursued. To help the Board with this discussion, enclosed with this report are the two previous studies conducted on the Country Club. We may want to alter the process before we get underway. I look forward to discussing this in more detail with the Board at Monday's meeting.

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6. During your review of the Proposed Ticket Tax Warrant Article, the Board discussed adding a definition as to what constitutes an Event. Based on feedback from several members, I tried to come up with a simple definition for the Board's consideration. To that end, I am proposing the following:

"Event" means a performance by paid professionals in a venue with a capacity of two hundred (200) or more, giving a live performance within their professional field.

I want to keep the definition as simple as possible to avoid confusion. It is impossible to address every event that may come up in Groton, but I believe this definition (provided by Select Board Member Manugian) does a good job to address most. I have attached to this report the revised Warrant Article incorporating the proposed definition. I look forward to our continued review of this matter.

7. I would respectfully request that the Select Board vote to create and authorize a Police Department K-9 Gift Fund for the generous donations we have receive for a new Police Dog. We will deposit all donations into this Gift Fund and allow the Police Department to pay the various costs, including procuring a new dog, out of this fund.
8. As is our practice during budget season, I have set aside time on the Agenda for the Board to review any budget issues related to the proposed FY 2020 Operating Budget. As of the writing of this report, I do not have any updates. We can discuss any issues that arise in more detail at Monday's meeting.

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