



## 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:** *August 12, 2019*

1. Please note that we will start Monday's meeting at 6:00 p.m. with an Executive Session to update the Board on the current negotiations with the Fire Union on updating the contract to reflect 24/7/365 full-time coverage and approve the July 9, 2019 Executive Session Minutes. Contained with this report is a memorandum from me updating the Board on the negotiations, along with the July 9, 2019 Executive Session Minutes. The regular meeting will commence at 7:00 p.m. In addition to the Town Manager's Report and an update on the on-going issues list, Police Chief Michael Luth and Fire Chief Steele McCurdy will be in to discuss with the Board the appropriate levels of Public Safety here in Groton. As you know, this discussion is one of the annual goals of the Select Board. Contained with this report are the presentations they are planning to make to the Board.
2. At your last meeting, I brought to the Board the recommendation from the Town Clerk to reappoint Sally Hensley to the Board of Registrars. The Select Board was concerned that the Republican Town Committee had not submitted a nominee and the term of the current Republican Representative on the Board had their term expire in 2018. The Board wanted to know what steps can be taken in the event that a Town Committee does not submit a nominee. To that end, I offer M.G.L., c. 51, §15 which reads, in part, as follows:

*"As the terms of the several registrars expire, and in case a vacancy occurs in the board of registrars of voters, the selectmen ..... shall so appoint their successors that as nearly as possible the members of the board shall represent the two leading political parties.....Every such appointment shall be made in a town by the selectmen or the appointing authority from a list to be submitted to them by the town committee of the political party from the members of which the position is to be filled, containing the names of three enrolled members of such party resident in the town, selected by a majority vote at a duly called meeting, at which a quorum is present, of such committee; and every member of a board of registrars of voters shall serve until the expiration of his term and until his successor has qualified; provided, however, **if the chairman of the town committee has not submitted such list to the selectmen or the appointing authority within forty-five days after a notification to said chairman by certified mail, the selectmen or the appointing authority shall make said appointment without reference to such a list.***

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2. **Continued:**

Since the Republican Town Committee has not responded with the forty-five day period, I would recommend that the Select Board advertise the vacancy asking for a registered Republican to apply for the vacancy. In the meantime, I would respectfully request that the Board consider re-appointing Sally Hensley to the Board. We can discuss this in more detail at Monday's meeting.

3. Water Superintendent Tom Orcutt has requested a few minutes on the Agenda to update the Board on the Water Department's Whitney Well required improvements. This update will include the current status and the proposed timeline to construct a new treatment facility for Whitney Pond. It is anticipated that this project will cost approximately \$7 million.

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