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To: *Select Board*

From: *Mark W. Haddad – Town Manager*

Subject: *Weekly Report*

Date: *March 2, 2020*

1. In addition to the Town Manager's Report and an update on the on-going issues list, there is one item scheduled on Monday's Agenda. The Select Board will be meeting in joint session with the Affordable Housing Trust in Executive Session at the end of the meeting to review the Boynton Meadows matter. We will be sending to the Board, under separate cover, materials to assist with this discussion.
2. At our last meeting, the Board requested that I reach out to the Town of Pepperell for an update on the Landfill Issue. As requested, I contacted Pepperell Town Administrator Andrew MacLean and requested the update. The following is the email I received from Mr. MacLean:

"Mark,

Thanks for checking in on this. For a deep dive, follow this link where we share all the public documents on the topic. <https://town.pepperell.ma.us/566/4080/Soil-Reclamation-Proposal>. Here is the quick update: January 2019 ZBA overturned the Building Inspector decision that the use was not allowed as it constituted a Commercial Dumping Ground. The Town and a local citizens group appealed to Land Court. The lawsuits were joined in court. It has been nearly a year and we are just finalizing the discovery processes for all the parties involved. Once completed, the parties will request a trial or a summary judgement. We anticipate this going to trial. In the meantime, there is no related activity occurring on the site and we continue to encourage alternative uses that the Town would approve of (housing, etc.). Thank you, Andrew"

Please let me know if I can provide any additional information or if there is any additional action you would like me to take.

3. As requested, I have reached out to the Board of Health and requested an explanation as to why they are pursuing joining the Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project at the 2020 Spring Town Meeting. As of the writing of this report, I have not received a response from them. I will provide the Board with their response under separate cover once received. That said, as I stated at last week's meeting, I am opposed to joining the Project at this time. This will put our proposed budget out of balance by \$90,000 in FY 2021 and require a three-year commitment of over \$270,000. While I understand the public health related need for joining this Project, the Town Meeting has taken two votes in the last several years opposing joining the Project. Financially, this is not the time to join. I would respectfully request that the Select Board petition the Board of Health and request that they withdraw the Article from consideration at this time. We can discuss this in more detail at Monday's meeting.

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4. I would respectfully request that the Board approve the request from the Groton Neighbors for a One Day Beer and Wine License for their Annual Pot Luck Dinner for Members on Friday, May 1, 2020 from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the Groton Center.
5. Enclosed with this report is the First Draft of the 2020 Spring Town Meeting Warrant. I would like to take some time at Monday's meeting to review the various articles.
6. Please see the following update to the Select Board's Meeting Schedule through the 2020 Spring Town Meeting:

Monday, March 2, 2020 -	Already Posted
Monday, March 9, 2020 -	Continue Discussion on Future of CPA Update Town Manager's Review Policy Continue Review of Draft 2020 Town Meeting Warrant FY 21 Budget Update
Monday, March 16, 2020 -	Public Hearing on the 2020 Town Meeting Warrant Articles
Monday, March 23, 2020 -	Follow-up on Town Meeting Warrant Review Draft of Housing Production Plan FY 21 Budget Update
Monday, March 30, 2020 -	No Meeting (Subject to Change)
Monday, April 6, 2020 -	Finalize Town Meeting Warrant for Posting FY 21 Budget Update
Monday, April 13, 2020 -	Town Meeting Preparation Issuance of Annual Fuel Storage Licenses
Monday, April 20, 2020 -	No Meeting – Patriot's Day Holiday
Monday, April 27, 2020 -	2020 Spring Town Meeting
7. As is our practice during budget season, I have set aside time on the Agenda to update the Board on the FY 2021 Budget. I will provide the Board with any necessary update at the meeting.

MWH/rjb
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