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John C. Tuzik, Selectman Hanover Town Hall 550 Hanover Street Hanover, MA 02339

Dear Selectman John C. Tuzik,

On behalf of the Old Colony Planning Council, please accept these observations and comments in complete support of Hanover Town Manager Troy B.G. Clarkson. The Council fully recognizes and acknowledges Mr. Clarkson's demonstrated and continued professionalism, expertise, and enthusiasm for not only the Town of Hanover, but for the south shore region as well. Without a doubt, Mr. Clarkson embraces the town's history and quality of life, while consistently striving to optimize the town's future potential.

As you know, the Old Colony Planning Council is a comprehensive regional planning agency serving seventeen communities in southeastern Massachusetts. The Council addresses regional issues that extend beyond local boundaries such as air and water pollution, wastewater needs, transportation deficiencies and economic distress. Such regional issues require cooperative action by impacted local communities and the Council is the governmental mechanism available at the local level to foster municipal cooperation and coordination.

Mr. Clarkson works tirelessly on building relationships in the business community and beyond. As an example, Mr. Clarkson sought out and was instrumental in working to bring both redevelopment and new economic development opportunities and funding to Hanover. Additionally, Mr. Clarkson forged a new and beneficial working relationship with the Massachusetts Office of Business Development that resulted in Tax Incremental Financing (TIFs) opportunities for the re-development of the Hanover Mall.

With regard to infrastructure, Mr. Clarkson has collaborated with OCPC on the Old Colony Route 53 Corridor Study, and sought technical assistance with regard to several areas within the Town (Cedar Street, Pleasant and Whiting Street Intersection Study; Mill Street at Hanover Mall / Mill Pond Drive/ South Shore YMCA Sub-Area Study; and, Woodland Drive Neighborhood Study).

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments in support of Mr. Troy Clarkson. Should you have any questions, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Pat Ciaramella

Executive Director

CC:

Troy B.G. Clarkson, Town Manager