From: Robert ORourke <<u>robertseanorourke@yahoo.com</u>> Date: August 29, 2017 at 8:15:11 PM EDT To: David Delaney <<u>david.delaney@hanover-ma.gov</u>> Subject: Town Manager Reply-To: Robert ORourke <<u>robertseanorourke@yahoo.com</u>>

Dear Chairman Delaney:

I first want to thank you and your fellow board members for volunteering and serving the Town of Hanover. I know how much time and commitment it takes to serve on a town board and I do appreciate your efforts.

It has come to my attention that at your September 5, 2017 meeting, the topic of whether or not to enter into negotiations for a new contract for Troy Clarkson will be discussed. When serving on the Board of Selectmen, I found Troy to be professional, energized, and knowledgeable in all aspects of his duties. Troy is dedicated to his position. During my tenure, I believe he followed the Town Manager Act as it was voted by the residents. Although, the Board of Selectmen is a policy making board, we worked well with the Town Manager and accomplished many goals under Troy's leadership. Troy was instrumental in completing Forge Pond Park, encouraging growth and establishing new businesses all along Route 53, the clean-up of the Fireworks Factory site and the soon to be completed Veterans Memorial Garden. Troy has made relationships with our Federal and State Representatives which is invaluable during times like these.

My hope would be the Board of Selectmen votes to enter into negotiations with Troy Clarkson. I believe he is a true asset to the Town of Hanover.

Sincerely,

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