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Subject: In Support of Town Manager, Troy Clarkson

Dear Town of Hanover Board of Selectmen,

My name is Bob Melone and I'm writing on behalf of the town appointed Multi-Use Recreational Facilities Committee in support of Hanover's Board of Selectmen vote to begin contract negotiations with current Town Manager, Troy Clarkson. It's our understanding that the vote, to be held on Tuesday, September 5th, 2017, will decide whether the BoS will enter into the negotiating process with the town manager for a new contract. The Multi-Use Committee sees the decision to begin the negotiating process as one that can only benefit the town and its residents, as the BoS would not be promising a new contract to Mr. Clarkson but only agreeing to begin negotiations for a new contract. The decision against entering into negotiations is a hazardous one, full of risks and a decision that threatens to halt the momentum our town's great projects are currently experiencing.

Since our residents voted to adopt the Town Manager Act the town of Hanover has experienced improvements that are arguably unparalleled when compared to other towns in our area. Over the last 10 years alone we've built a new state of the art high school and developed, maintain and utilize the pristine Forge Pond Park. We've begun and completed a number of enhancements and renovations to our town's infrastructure, such as the refurbishment of our historic Town Hall and Center Cemetery and paved almost 30 miles of new roadways. We've restored our town's conservation areas and trails, most notably the federally funded \$100,000,000 cleanup of the National Fireworks site, which has only just begun. We've seen improvements to the Rt. 53 infrastructure which will gain momentum as Peco (PREP) begins the \$40,000,000 rehab of Hanover Crossing (the Hanover Mall). We're building a new elementary school and created a brand that can be seen on the homepage of our town's award winning website symbolizing the town of Hanover as it stands today: "honoring yesterday...as we build for tomorrow."

Our Committee understands that the progress we've seen since adopting the Town Manager Act is not due solely to the actions of Mr. Clarkson and I'm sure, if asked, he'd passionately agree. Most of the

credit goes to our town's hard working paid employees and volunteer residents, such as the five of you currently serving on the Board of Selectmen, but the presence and actions of Mr. Clarkson as town manager should not be overlooked or taken for granted. As a town we're doing very well. People outside of Hanover are striving to become residents of our town and as a result, our property values are at all-time highs. As a town we're in position to thrive for the foreseeable future. Why would we intentionally rule out negotiating with the person responsible for overseeing all of the projects and procedures that put our town in the enviable position it's in today? Who will replace the Town Manager and what will the cost be both in terms of time and money? Will a new town manager keep us moving forward or bring our momentum to a standstill? These questions, among others, must be considered prior to your vote on September 5th and the BoS has our full faith that they will be.

Thank you for your consideration.

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