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Subject: Re: Town Manager
Date: Friday, September 02, 2011 10:47:51 AM

Thank you, Ed, and thanks again for giving me the opportunity to weigh in on short notice the other day. Yes, if it's not too late, it would be fine to include my email as official correspondence.

Margaret

On Thu, Sep 1, 2011 at 2:36 PM, <CHILDSEJ@aol.com> wrote:

Margaret, hard copy of your e-mail was shared with each of the board members. Do you also wish to have your e-mail included as official correspondence to be recognized at the next meeting? Nancy is copied here so would ask that you let her know the answer.

Thank you for your thoughts.
Ed

In a message dated 8/30/2011 4:26:22 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, margaret.cheney@gmail.com writes:

Dear Ed,

I have just heard that the Norwich Selectboard may vote this afternoon whether to renew the Town Manager's contract. Thank you for the opportunity to give you my impressions and opinion.

In my five years in the Legislature, I've had regular contact with Pete Webster. He has been proactive in alerting me to town issues that are relevant at the state level, and extremely responsive and knowledgeable when I have needed information or feedback in turn. I can also speak for my husband, Congressman Peter Welch, who tells me that his office has had the same positive relationship with the Town Manager. He is invariably professional, knowledgeable, and positive. He has done great service to the town as a liaison.

Speaking as a long-time Norwich resident with my own experience with municipal budgets in my role as school board chair, I also value highly the stability of town budgets and tax rates that we've experienced during Pete's tenure. With a majority of new members on the selectboard this year, along with a total turnover in the listers' office, Pete also brings a stability to town government that we need at this time.

I hope the rumors of a negative consensus are untrue. As I speak to many residents in my role as state representative, I believe a nonrenewal would come as a shock to many.

Thank you again for the opportunity to share my experience with you.
Margaret Cheney