

From: [Deborah Hall](#)
To: CHILDSEJ@aol.com; [Nancy Kramer](#)
Cc: [Nancy Kramer](#)
Subject: Re: Fw: Open Letter to the Selectboard
Date: Wednesday, August 31, 2011 5:03:30 PM

Yes, thanks.
Sent from my Android phone

CHILDSEJ@aol.com wrote:

Debby, I have copied Nancy here. Do I presume you wish this to be an item of correspondence to the Selectboard. If so, please confirm for Nancy's benefit.

Thanks,
Ed

In a message dated 8/31/2011 10:35:45 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time, woodshall@gmail.com writes:

Ed, a copy for the Selectboard. Debby
----- Original Message -----
From: "Debby Hall and/or Mike Woods" <woodshall@gmail.com>
To: <norwich@lists.valley.net>
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2011 9:25 PM
Subject: Open Letter to the Selectboard

Dear Members of the Selectboard,

I was in the relatively small (25 at most) group of attendees at tonight's Special Meeting of the Selectboard, the agenda topic for which was simply "Personnel". I imagine most Norwich residents would be surprised to know that the unstated agenda was the renewal or termination of our Town Manager Pete Webster's employment contract. Not only was only one day's notice given for this extremely important meeting, the actual agenda was not at all clear; nor was it easy to get the board to admit to the purpose of the meeting. As you know, all the residents who spoke at the meeting were in strong support of Pete and his efforts on behalf of Norwich; everyone urged that he be retained as Town Manager, a sentiment with which I happen to agree.

However, regardless of my or anyone else's opinion about Pete and his performance as Town Manager, it is imperative that the issue of whether or not he should be retained as Town Manager receive a full and open hearing within the Town. Any evaluation of Pete which does not include input from a broad cross-section of Town residents does both him and the Town of Norwich a great disservice. I urge the Selectboard to seek this input before making a decision of this magnitude, which affects both the livelihood of a dedicated Town employee and the smooth running of the Town's business.

Thank you.

Deborah J. Hall
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