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Selectboard members:

In my more than 35 years in Norwich I have never seen such heart felt and vehement objections to an action by the selectboard. Justified or not, the overwhelming opinion is that the Selectboard did not act in the best interest of Norwich residents. Clearly the people most active in town affairs are stunned and outraged; the immediate fallout has already been significant and the long term consequences are too great to contemplate. We now live in a town torn apart, with little prospect for reconciliation.

Or maybe not. Granted, the agreement to accept Pete's resignation is written in stone, but it does not preclude a subsequent agreement with Pete to accept a provisional one year agreement accompanied by carefully structured professional mediation. In making this offer, you would appropriately respond to the will of the voters and potentially undo much of the distrust generated by last night's action. My suggestion does NOT represent a reversal of the action taken last night, but rather a responsible and responsive way to move forward.

Respectfully,
Richard Stucker