



# Town of Wenham

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Board of Selectmen  
**FROM:** Peter Lombardi, Town Administrator  
**RE:** Town Administrator's Report  
**DATE:** February 21, 2017

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### **Town Accountant**

Following the recent decision to appoint Leslie Davidson as Finance Director, we have selected one of the other finalists from our initial search for this position to serve as our new Town Accountant. Christopher Holak worked for Powers & Sullivan, the Town's auditing firm, from 2007 to 2013 as a Senior Auditor. More recently, Chris has experience as an Internal Auditor for the City of Somerville. He will begin in Wenham in mid-March. On your agenda tonight, we will discuss recommended changes to the Town's compensation and classification schedule for non-union employees based on the modifications that have been made to the roles and responsibilities of these two positions in the Finance Office. If adopted, Chris' annual salary will fall slightly above the midpoint of the new range for the Town Accountant position.

### **Regional Emergency Communications Center (RECC) – Potential New Member**

We were notified last week that town officials from Manchester-by-the-Sea have recently expressed significant interest in having both their Fire and Police Departments join the regional dispatch center as early as this coming July. With Manchester's Town Meeting scheduled for early April, the RECC Finance Board will be meeting in the next few weeks to understand the logistical and financial impacts of potentially adding another community, including the rate at which Manchester would be charged on their cherry sheet for these services and any one-time costs associated with making this transition that would not be covered through state grant funding.

Based on the preliminary FY18 budget for the RECC, we do not anticipate any change to Wenham's FY18 assessment of \$82k regardless of whether or not Manchester decides to join based on the terms that have been agreed to. Their assessment would simply reduce the contribution currently projected to come from the Essex County Sheriff's Department in FY18 (\$2.488M). I have included a copy of the FY18 RECC budget as currently constituted for your reference.