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MEMORANDUM

TO: Selectmen
FROM: Peter Lombardi, Town Administrator
RE: Town Administrator's Report
DATE: November 10, 2015

Personnel

Long-time Wenham employee and current Executive Assistant to the Town Administrator, Deb Morong, has accepted a comparable position for the Town of Manchester. Deb has been an invaluable employee and co-worker over the years, and we wish her the best of luck in her new position. Details about this full-time administrative position will be posted on the Town's website this week, with applications due Monday November 30 and interviews to follow. We will also be re-posting the full-time Finance Assistant and Payroll Clerk position this week and expect that process to follow a similar timeline.

State & Federal Water Regulations

The Division of Local Mandates, the state agency tasked with determining whether policies create unfunded mandates, is conducting a survey of all municipalities regarding the projected local cost impacts of two significant and long-awaited regulatory changes – the (federal) EPA's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) and the (state) Department of Environment Protection's Sustainable Water Management Initiative (SMWI). We are encouraged that the State Auditor has taken this step to get input directly from municipalities, and we are working to assemble our formal response with the hope that our collective feedback will at least slow down the implementation process, if not change some of the substance of these regulations in their final, adopted state.

On this same front, we are also working to coordinate a meeting with the Massachusetts Water Works Association and other communities in the Ipswich River basin to develop a regional strategic plan that reflects our collective concerns and challenges as they relate to these important proposed regulatory changes.