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November 16, 2015

Ms. Maggie Downey
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Dear Ms. Downey:

At a meeting of the Harwich Board of Selectmen held on Monday, November 2, 2015, the Board discussed the matter of amendments to the Cape Light Compact Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA). Part of this discussion focused on the current ability of the Compact to effect changes to the IGA without first seeking approval from member Boards of Selectmen and Town Councilors.

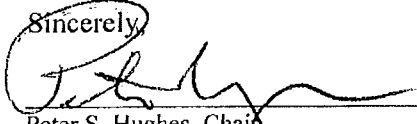
While we have been advised by our Town Counsel that our appointed representative to the Compact currently has the authority to vote on amendments without needing our Board's approval, we recommend that such authority needs to be limited.

We strongly urge the Compact to amend the IGA to require prior approval from the member towns before significant changes can be made to the IGA. We recognize that the term "significant" can be open to interpretation; therefore we urge you, as part of this suggested amendment, to clearly define the terms "significant change" and "administrative/housekeeping change". For example, we consider the addition of the job description of the Administrator to be a significant change, particularly in light of its broadly defined authority.

Our Charter has the Board of Selectmen as Chief Executive Authority, guiding the community by establishing policy. Our Town Administrator, not unlike the Compact Administrator, manages the organization on a day-to-day basis consistent with those policies.

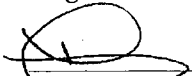
We await your response and look forward to continued discussion related to this important matter.

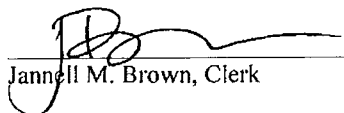
Sincerely,


Peter S. Hughes, Chair


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cc: Barry Worth, as representative to Cape Light Compact for Harwich
Cape Light Compact member towns ✓

