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From: Doris Meehan <dmeehan13@roadrunner.com>
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Dear Councilors,

It is my understanding that you will, tonight, be voting on the decision to change the position of Town Clerk from an elected position to an appointed position. Due to a longstanding prior commitment, I cannot attend the meeting to express my opinion about this issue, so I am writing to you.

I am strongly opposed to the 'REFERENDUM FOR CHARTER AMENDMENT TO MAKE THE TOWN CLERK AN APPOINTED OFFICIAL'. When this option was discussed some time ago, I remember that you were advised that any person residing in Windham could run for the office/ there could not be qualifications required to run for it. I researched this and discovered that that was misinformation. For example, the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office is an elected position and there are requirements, of course, in order for someone to be able to run for that position. I feel and I think, it has been extraordinarily valuable to have the Town Clerk be a resident of the Town of Windham. I know that many of my fellow Windham citizens agree with my position. There is an old saying, "If something ain't broke, don't fix it!" Our present Town Clerk has been repeatedly elected for many, many years now – as she deserved to be. There is not a reason to believe that a new person, meeting the requirements to run, would be less successful or not work as hard. Of course, Linda has the years of experience that cannot be duplicated, but she didn't have those when she began. The Town Clerk position should be accountable to all the provisions of elected officials as has been the case. There are not pressing reasons to change it to an appointed position.

Thank you all for your willingness to serve on the Town Council. I hope you sincerely consider it your duty to listen to the opinions of concerned Windham citizens.

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