

TOWN OF DANVERS

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Mr. Sean Cronin
Senior Deputy Commissioner of Local Services
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Re: Town of Danvers: Regional Compact

Dear Sean:

The Town of Danvers believes strongly in the potential benefits to both Danvers and our neighbors from developing regional partnerships and identifying opportunities to share resources. Over the past year we have studied several potential such opportunities including, in the areas of code administration and technology.

As to code administration we have opened conversations with two north shore communities about the possibility of members of the Danvers Code Administration department, including our Building Commissioner, providing oversight and inspectional services assistance to those communities.

On the technology front Danvers has expanded its technological capabilities by hiring both an IT Director and an IT Project Manager with regional municipal experience. The Town is currently positioning itself to be able to provide regional technology services and plans to begin actively seeking regional partners upon the completion of the work described herein. In addition, our IT Director is working with MassIT to organize a collaborative group of municipal and educational technology leaders in the North Shore region.

Danvers is making a significant investment to refresh its data center with a hyperconverged, scalable server technology that will allow us to grow as necessary to accommodate new users. In FY '18 the Town will begin the first phase of a municipal fiber project that includes a public safety loop and strategic backbone designed for future growth. The Town has also upgraded its internet service to a standard necessary both to support its approximately 400 employees and other cities and towns. Danvers plans to offer infrastructure as a service (IaaS) to municipalities in the region who seek an alternative to large capital investments in technology.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or can be of any assistance in connecting us with potential partners.

Very truly yours,



Robin Stein
Assistant Town Manager

Cc: Steve Bartha, Town Manager