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Palmer Charter Commission

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Dear Members,

Thank you for inviting me to share my opinions on the current charter.

I have been a resident of Palmer for over seventy years, and was a long time member of the Board of Cemetery Commissioners until 2005.

Please do not recommend that we return to the old form of government for Palmer. Palmer's annual budget is now between 30 and 40 million dollars. This is no longer a small business. We have a town manager (CEO) to run the business, and a town council to oversee the operation at regular meetings.

Together, the council and manager are able to be more efficient, more pro-active, more practical, and more economical--- compared to a town meeting/ selectmen form of government.

Sincerely,

Robert G. Faulkner