

TOWN OF WARNER

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February 12, 2020

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This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the financial statements of the Town of Warner, New Hampshire, which comprise the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information as of December 31, 2018, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, for the purpose of expressing opinions as to whether the financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP).

Certain representations in this letter are described as being limited to matters that are material. Items are considered material, regardless of size, if they involve an omission or misstatement of accounting information that, in light of surrounding circumstances, makes it probable that the judgment of a reasonable person relying on the information would be changed or influenced by the omission or misstatement. An omission or misstatement that is monetarily small in amount could be considered material as a result of qualitative factors.

We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, as of February 12, 2020, the following representations made to you during your audit.

Financial Statements

- 1. We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the audit engagement letter dated March 26, 2019, including our responsibility for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP and for the preparation of the supplementary information in accordance with the applicable criteria.
- 2. The financial statements referred to above are fairly presented in conformity with U.S. GAAP and include all properly classified funds and other financial information of the primary government required by generally accepted accounting principles to be included in the financial reporting entity, except as identified in item #3 below.
- 3. We have not completed the process of evaluating the impact that will result from adopting the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 75, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Post-employment Benefits Other Than Pensions, as it pertains to the Town's single employer OPEB plan as discussed in Note 2 in the financial statements. The Town is therefore unable to disclose the impact that adopting GASB Statement No. 75 will have on its financial position and the results of its operations when the Statement is adopted.
- 4. We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

- 5. We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.
- 6. Significant assumptions we used in making accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value, are reasonable.
- 7. Related party relationships and transactions, including revenues, expenditures/expenses, loans, transfers, leasing arrangements, and guarantees, and amounts receivable from or payable to related parties have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- 8. Adjustments or disclosures have been made for all events, including instances of noncompliance, subsequent to the date of the financial statements that would require adjustment to or disclosure in the financial statements.
- 9. We are in agreement with the adjusting journal entries you have proposed, and they have been posted to the accounts.
- 10. The effects of all known actual or possible litigation, claims, and assessments have been accounted for and disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- 11. Guarantees, whether written or oral, under which the Town is contingently liable, if any, have been properly recorded or disclosed.

Information Provided

- 12. We have provided you with:
 - a. Access to all information, of which we are aware, that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, such as records, documentation, and other matters.
 - b. Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit.
 - c. Unrestricted access to persons within the Town from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
 - d. Minutes of the meetings of the Board of Selectmen or summaries of actions of recent meetings for which minutes have not yet been prepared.
- 13. All material transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements.
- 14. We have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.
- 15. We have no knowledge of any fraud or suspected fraud that affects the Town and involves:
 - Management,
 - Employees who have significant roles in internal control, or

- 16. We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the Town's financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, regulators, or others.
- 17. We have no knowledge of instances of noncompliance or suspected noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, or grants agreements, or abuse, whose effects should be considered when preparing financial statements.
- 18. We have disclosed to you all known actual or possible litigation, claims, and assessments whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements.
- 19. We have disclosed to you the identity of the Town's related parties and all the related party relationships and transactions of which we are aware.

Government—specific

- 20. There have been no communications from regulatory agencies concerning noncompliance with, or deficiencies in, financial reporting practices.
- 21. We have a process to track the status of audit findings and recommendations.
- 22. We have identified to you any previous audits, attestation engagements, and other studies related to the audit objectives and whether related recommendations have been implemented.
- 23. The Town has no plans or intentions that may materially affect the carrying value or classification of assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balance or net position.
- 24. We are responsible for compliance with the laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements applicable to us, including tax or debt limits and debt contracts; and legal and contractual provisions for reporting specific activities in separate funds.
- 25. We have identified and disclosed to you all instances that have occurred or are likely to have occurred, of fraud and noncompliance with provisions of laws and regulations that we believe have a material effect on the financial statements or other financial data significant to the audit objectives, and any other instances that warrant the attention of those charged with governance.
- 26. We have identified and disclosed to you all instances, which have occurred or are likely to have occurred, of noncompliance with provisions of contracts and grant agreements that we believe have a material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts or other financial data significant to the audit objectives.
- 27. We have identified and disclosed to you all instances that have occurred or are likely to have occurred, of abuse that could be quantitatively or qualitatively material to the financial statements or other financial data significant to the audit objectives.

- 28. There are no violations or possible violations of budget ordinances, laws and regulations (including those pertaining to adopting, approving, and amending budgets), provisions of contracts and grant agreements, tax or debt limits, and any related debt covenants whose effects should be considered for disclosure in the financial statements, or as a basis for recording a loss contingency, or for reporting on noncompliance.
- 29. As part of your audit, you assisted with preparation of the financial statements and related notes. You also assisted in the preparation of depreciation schedules using estimated useful lives and depreciation methods determined by us, converted our cash basis books to the accrual basis, and prepared the MS-535. We acknowledge our responsibility as it relates to those nonaudit services, including that we assume all management responsibilities; oversee the services by designating an individual, preferably within senior management, who possesses suitable skill, knowledge or experience; evaluate the adequacy and results of the services performed; and accept responsibility for the results of the services. We have reviewed, approved, and accepted responsibility for the financial statements, related notes, capital asset records, conversion of our cash basis records to the accrual basis, and the preparation of the MS-535.
- 30. The Town has satisfactory title to all owned assets, and there are no liens or encumbrances on such assets nor has any asset been pledged as collateral.
- 31. The Town has complied with all aspects of contractual agreements that would have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of noncompliance.
- 32. The financial statements properly classify all funds and activities, in accordance with GASB Statement No. 34, as amended.
- 33. All funds that meet the quantitative criteria in GASB Statement Nos. 34 and 37 for presentation as major are identified and presented as such and all other funds that are presented as major are particularly important to financial statement users.
- 34. Components of net position (net investment in capital assets; restricted; and unrestricted) and classifications of fund balance (nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned) are properly classified and, if applicable, approved.
- 35. Investments, derivative instruments, and land and other real estate held by endowments are properly valued.
- 36. Provisions for uncollectible receivables have been properly identified and recorded.
- 37. Expenses have been appropriately classified in or allocated to functions and programs in the statement of activities, and allocations have been made on a reasonable basis.
- 38. Revenues are appropriately classified in the statement of activities within program revenues, general revenues, contributions to term or permanent endowments, or contributions to permanent fund principal.
- 39. Interfund, internal, and intra-entity activity and balances have been appropriately classified and reported.
- 40. Deposits and investment securities are properly classified as to risk and are properly disclosed.

- 41. Capital assets, including infrastructure and intangible assets, are properly capitalized, reported, and, if applicable, depreciated or amortized.
- 42. We have appropriately disclosed the Town's policy regarding whether to first apply restricted or unrestricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available and have determined that net position is properly recognized under the policy.
- 43. We are following our established accounting policy regarding which resources (that is, restricted, committed, assigned, or unassigned) are considered to be spent first for expenditures for which more than one resource classification is available. That policy determines the fund balance classifications for financial reporting purposes.
- 44. We acknowledge our responsibility for the required supplementary information (RSI). The RSI is measured and presented within prescribed guidelines and the methods of measurement and presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period. We have disclosed to you any significant assumptions and interpretations underlying the measurement and presentation of the RSI.
- 45. We believe that the actuarial assumptions and methods used to measure pension and OPEB liabilities and costs for financial accounting purposes are appropriate in the circumstances
- 46. With respect to the combining nonmajor fund financial statements on which an in-relation-to opinion is issued:
 - 1. We acknowledge our responsibility for presenting the combining nonmajor fund financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and we believe the combining nonmajor fund financial statements, including its form and content, are fairly presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The methods of measurement and presentation of the combining nonmajor fund financial statements have not changed from those used in the prior period, and we have disclosed to you any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement and presentation of the supplementary information.
 - 2. If the combining nonmajor fund financial statements are not presented with the audited financial statements, we will make the audited financial statements readily available to the intended users of the supplementary information not later than the date we issue the supplementary information and the auditor's report thereon.

47. Participation in a public entity risk pool has been properly reported and disclosed in the financial statements.

Sincerely.

Chairman, Board of Selectmen

February 12, 2020

Date