

## **TOWN OF MILLIS**

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Honorable Joseph P. Shea, Chairman Honorable Peter H. Collins Honorable Richard R. Staiti Norfolk County Commissioners 614 High Street Dedham, MA 02026

Re: Norfolk Registry of Deeds - Chief Information Officer

Dear Commissioners:

We, the members of the Millis Select Board, strongly endorse the hiring of a Registry Chief Information Officer (CIO) at the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds. We firmly believe that it is critical for the Registry of Deeds to be able to appoint a CIO to replace the CIO who recently retired. This long standing position is absolutely essential to the secure and efficient functioning of this critical branch of county government.

Technology is now a central part of any complex organization, and continued professional oversight in this area is absolutely critical. Equally important is the need to ensure that there is an individual with both the experience and knowledge necessary to ensure that crypto, fraud and various forms of impersonation attacks are not permitted, to the greatest degree that our technology permits, to compromise this critical function. We stand with the Register of Deeds in his fervent request that the registry be able to maintain professional, expert, and fulltime oversight over the county's land records system. As you know, the funds collected by the registry provide vital revenues to the county as well as the many municipalities that participate in the Community Preservation Program. We sincerely urge you to support this vital position.

Peter Jurmain, Chair

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