



# TOWN OF PEPPERELL

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### Information Sheet

Northern Middlesex Regional Emergency Communications Center District (NMRECC) that includes Tewksbury, Dracut and Pepperell—

Here are the Advantages:

- ✓ Pepperell Dispatchers will be given due consideration for all new jobs created. This is estimated at twenty-one (21) new dispatcher positions, with an estimated salary of \$49,254, which is above Pepperell's current salary rate. Also, this salary rate is one of the highest in the region. In addition, there are four Supervisory positions, an Administrative Assistant, and a Director. There will be opportunities for upward mobility.
- ✓ The Executive Committee will handle all hiring and personnel matters. Pepperell represents 1/3 of this three member Committee and will vote on these matters.
- ✓ The quality of dispatching and response time will be equivalent to the Pepperell Communications Center with new advanced technology and specialized professional services.
- ✓ State Grant Funding will be increased—Massachusetts State Secretary of Public Safety Daniel Bennett has stated that funding will be a top priority for “regional centers” vs. “single centers”. Under the Three Communities Model, it is estimated that the State 911 Department will fund +\$572,732 per fiscal year, for equipment and training needs, at a regional center. Currently, we receive approximately \$28,000, as a single center.
- ✓ Pepperell will gain approximately \$330,000 of total cost savings that will be dedicated directly to new Police and Fire personnel in the future. It means more police officers and firefighters on the streets for the Town! Also, it will give our Police and Fire Chief more budget funds to work with to meet residents and business's needs.
- ✓ Pepperell will have equipment savings of \$164,041 for the next five (5) years with renewals to follow according to State funding grant guidelines.

- ✓ Pepperell will access new state-of-the-art facility (e.g. 6,500 Square Feet) coupled with new (CAD) computers and visual aided equipment to better protect our residents and businesses, now, and in the future. For example, single dispatch centers are not eligible for large capital expenses, such as the \$168,011 requested by the Pepperell Communications Department for FY 2018. This included: (1) \$135,000 for a new Radio Console; and (2) \$33,011 for a Radio Voter System, satellite receiver.
- ✓ Pepperell will have new “Communications Partners” to continue to write new grants to meet our needs in the future.
- ✓ Pepperell would gain the benefit of utilizing new, updated equipment with no added costs.
- ✓ Our Regional Planning Agency will assist with the grant applications.
- ✓ Pepperell will maintain after hours personnel to cover the late night shifts for 24/7 walk in security for our residents and businesses at our Public Safety Complex.
- ✓ The Town would have a “United Nations” vote (One town = One vote) to participate with in the operations and capital management of the new Regional Emergency Communications Center. This is key, as Pepperell will have direct management control at the Board of Directors and Operations Committees (e.g. the size of the Town does not matter).
- ✓ The Operations Committee will provide general oversight of the performance of the NMRECC, operational protocols and public safety procedures. Both our Police and Fire Chiefs will have direct control on public safety services and they will have full 1/3 voting rights as members of the Operations Committee.
- ✓ The future costs for health care (e.g. estimated at \$41,932 for the Department), retirement and other benefits would be covered by the new center and not the Town of Pepperell.
- ✓ The new \$3,575,000 NMRECC Center, which is totally paid for by the State, is estimated to be constructed during 2018 and will be operational in early 2019.