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Agenda Item: New Business: Discussion/Decision: Consent to the Mayor's appointment of Jenelle Berthoud as

Town Clerk Comment:

This is not a comment against the current candidate for the Clerks Position, it is a comment regarding the process and logistics of appointment. So I hope the clerk candidate understands that it is not aimed or directed towards the particular candidate.

According to the Town's Website, no interviews should have been held as the town's Job Posting Website indicates that applications will not be reviewed until 7-24-20 at 5pm.

There are other applicants who have not submitted as of today at 5pm.

Secondly, is it the best decision for the Town to appoint the Police Clerk to the position of Town Clerk, which would cause the requirement for the town to train 2 town employees. A new Clerk and a new Police Clerk, (remember, the police department wants to move which will cause additional problems for the town during the move.)

I think it is important that all potential Town Officers should be interviewed publicly the same as if a potential council member or potential new mayor were being interviewed. The Clerk holds a vital position in the town and I think the Citizens of this town deserve to be able to participate in the same manner that has been fostered on the Council.

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