

WEST NEWBURY BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING AUGUST 23, 2022  
5:00 P.M. WATER DEPARTMENT 2nd FLOOR HEARING ROOM

Commissioners present: Robert Janes, Chair, Larry Corcoran and Jack Duggan  
Mike Gootée, Superintendent and Jodi Bertrand, Administrative Assistant  
Angus Jennings, Town Manager

The first of three being interviewed for the Superintendent is Mary Beth Wiser. (5:00)

The Commissioners and Wiser went through the set of questions. Wiser was very confident in her answers and spoke very well and she explained all her career choices and experiences. She was concerned about having to drive in the snow and not having a 4-wheel drive vehicle supplied to her from the town. She also had concerns about working in the field and would want a laptop supplied to her to work from home. Mary Beth left the office at 5:42.

Mark Marlowe (5:44)

Corcoran and Duggan asked Marlowe the questions from the questionnaire the BOWC came up with. Marlowe has been a Water Department employee for 8 years and also works with the DPW Department. Mark left the office at 6:08.

Raun Nichols (6:10)

Commissioners asked questions and Nichols gave them his background and experience. He explained that he has a 3D Full Operator and 2T Operator in Training (OIT) licenses. Nichols current position with the Town of Tewksbury is a Cross-Connection Coordinator. He has a lot of experience with asset management, dealing with people, contractors, administration and he was very well spoken. Raun left the office at 6:39.

Angus Jennings left the meeting.

Joseph Emerson (7:00) Operator interview

Commissioners asked questions. Joe is very personable, speaks well and is very knowledgeable about the water treatment and distribution field. He has been working in the water field for 24-years and currently works for the City of Westford which is large compared to West Newbury. They also have wellfield water sources like West Newbury. Emerson had reservations about the hourly pay rate and lack of over-time opportunities for extra income. Joe left the office at 8:00.

Meeting will resume at the next interview scheduled for Tuesday, August 30 at 8:00a.m.

August 30, 2022 8:00 a.m. Continued meeting for interview of Jason Allard for Operator Position

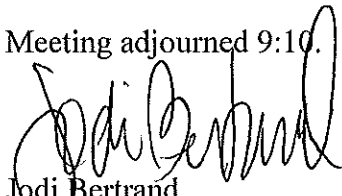
Commissioners asked Allard questions from the questionnaire. He explained that he currently works for Comcast which requires him to work many hours at all hours of the day. He is very interested in the job position and is hoping to have a chance to get into the water field and obtain experience and get the appropriate licenses needed to work in the field.

Jason left the office at 8:40a.m.

Gootee will give Joe Emerson a call to see if he looked into his financial situation and if he is still interested in the Operator position or not.

Duggan motioned to select Mark Marlowe for the Superintendent position, Janes seconded, unanimous.

Meeting adjourned 9:10.



Jodi Bertrand  
Administrative Assistant