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Hello

I am a resident of ward 6. I heard about the rushed appointment of Barbara Murphy due to the unfortunate loss of former commissioner Salvatore Genetti. I am opposed to Barbara Murphy becoming commissioner in this way. I understand the desire to fill the position immediately but it is inappropriate to ignore the rules and procedure for finding a replacement, even in these circumstances. The city would be better served by posting the job for 2 weeks (like procedure dictates) and finding a qualified candidate with experience protecting and serving communities similar to Malden. It is the wrong way to start the new commissioner by subverting the rules and showing the community there's no accountability for the person in that position. This is especially egregious after the recent police brutality in Malden, we need someone who can deescalate, properly train the force, and take appropriate measures if there is misconduct. We do not need who is above the rules, above the law, and doesn't consider Malden residents first.

I urge you to consider the need for a properly qualified candidate, follow your own rules and procedure for job posting, and vote NO on this rushed appointment. Malden deserves the best possible candidate for all its civil servants, and police commissioner is no exception.

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