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Dear Malden City Council and Mayor Christenson:

I was upset to learn of the unilateral appointment of Barbara Murphy as police commissioner, who apparently was appointed without giving Malden residents an opportunity to comment.

Mayor Christenson's choice to appoint someone without any due process should make us all very concerned. As Malden citizens, we are entitled to an open process in the appointment of any city leader. In this particular case, I have no confidence in Ms. Murphy in light of her lack of experience in policing.

Mayor Christenson's letter noted Ms. Murphy's "knowledge of municipal government and finance combined with her fair mindedness [sic] and even keeled [sic] approach." None of these character assessments make her eligible for a public-facing, accountable appointment process, and have nothing to do with expertise in public safety.

Please vote no on Barbara's appointment and subject her to the same due process as any other Malden city official--preferably one that involves a critical look at the role of police in our city.

Thank you,  
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