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**Subject:** Regarding resolution 307-24  
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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. In a city where police routinely harass, intimidate, and notably *kill* Malden residents, 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. Was the Malden Police Accountability working group informed of Barbara's hire? Did Barbara make any effort to meet with the families of people whom Malden police have arrested or murdered?

Mayor Christenson's letter notes Barbara's "knowledge of municipal government and finance combined with her fair mindedness [sic] and even keeled [sic] approach." Do any of these character assessments make her ineligible for a public-facing, accountable appointment process?

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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