

**Saratoga Springs Council appointment  
Commissioner of Public Works Committee  
Report**

April 30, 2022

To: John Franck

From: Tim Holmes

Re: Committee report

The attached report reflects results of the committee's actions and decisions. Please let me know of any corrections or changes that you deem necessary.

Sincerely,

Tim Holmes

Committee member

**Saratoga Springs Council appointment  
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Committee report**

A committee was appointed by the Mayor and Council for a candidate interview process.

**Purpose and intent.** The committee was to interview candidates requesting the appointment and to recommend a candidate for the Council's consideration in making the decision.

The committee consisted of 5 residents, was chaired by former Commissioner John Franck and represented an array of viewpoints. The committee convened and endeavored to form questions for the candidates that would reflect city residents' interests.

Service, stability and opportunity for improvement

Department of Public Works operations, assets and maintenance

Planning for the future within the department and for the city

Ability to manage and to work with others including Council members

Candidates' views on issues within the Department of Public Works

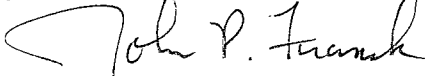
Candidates' views on issues in the city outside of the Department of Public Works

**Process.** The candidates were interviewed individually by the committee. The interviews were streamed for public viewing. The committee met afterwards to consider the candidates' responses.

Based on the criteria above and candidates' responses, the committee recommends the appointment of Jason N. Golub to the vacant position of Commissioner of Public Works.

This represents a majority vote of the committee.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the committee,

John Franck 

Committee Chair

April 30, 2022

Committee members

Alexus Brown

Kristen Dart

John Franck

Tim Holmes

Barbara Thomas

1. Within the Department of Public Works, what are the 3 most important issues you see? (John)
2. How do you see yourself as a manager? How will you manage the competing interests within your department and within the City Council? (Barbara)
3. One of the biggest concerns for young voters is climate change. Now more than ever is the time to plan for the decline in environmental conditions such as access to potable water, extreme weather events, and mass migration. How would you prepare Saratoga Springs for these issues? (Alexus)

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Interviewee

4. What characteristics and qualifications would you require in a Deputy Commissioner? And if you are selected as Commissioner, do you plan to replace the current Deputy Commissioner? Why or why not? (Barbara)
5. When you have the job of Commissioner of Public Works, will this be your primary occupational commitment? (Tim)
6. Outside of the Department of Public Works, what are the 3 most important issues you feel need addressing in Saratoga Springs? (Tim)

7. When you ask young people what issues they think exist in Saratoga Springs they say racism and police brutality. Do you think that Saratoga Springs has a problem with racism and what would you do to address it? (Alexus)

8. Would you support continued police reform, including a Community Review Board? (Kristen)

9. You have not run for office before, why do you believe the City Council should appoint you to this seat? **OR** You have stood for office before , but the community did not support you; why should the City Council appoint you now? (Kristen)