

ORONO TOWN COUNCIL
Orono-Veazie Water District Trustee Appointment
Process & Timeline

Background:

Trustee Laura Mitchell resigned her seat on the OVWD Board of Trustees late last week as she will be taking the oath to serve as a Town Councilor. Council is required by the OVWD Charter to appoint an individual to fill the seat for the remainder of her unexpired term.

OVWD has a total of five trustees appointed by the Orono (3) and Veazie (2) Town Councils:

- Orono
 - Deborah Blease Term Expires 12/31/2025
 - Farahad Dastoor Term Expires 12/31/2024
 - Vacant Term Expires 12/31/2023
- Veazie
 - Ken Borneman Term Expires 12/31/2022
 - David King Term Expires 12/31/2021

Process:

Advertise the upcoming open seat and ask members of the public to complete a volunteer application form and a letter of interest to the Council.

- Town website, public email list, posted on Town signboard, and Penobscot Times as well as a general press release that may be picked up by the Bangor Daily News, The Weekly, and other outlets

Council Community Development Committee (CCDC) review applications received at a CCDC meeting and select candidates to interview for the position

Members of the public are encouraged to contact Councilors (and/or Town Manager) with comments regarding candidates and/or submit interview questions for CCDC's consideration

- Email to info@orono.org
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After open interviews, CCDC deliberates and recommends a candidate to Council for appointment

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At a Regular or Special Council Meeting, Councilors will recap the process to date, discuss rationale for the CCDC recommendation, take public comment regarding the appointment, and then vote on the order (which can be approved, fail, or be amended by Councilors)

Proposed Timeline:

Advertise Start	March 15, 2021
Application Deadline	April 12, 2021 at Noon
Review of Applications	April 15, 2021 at Council Community Development Committee
Interviews	TBD
Deliberation	April (TBD) <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Committee Discussion of Candidates○ Public Comment○ Committee Appointment Recommendation to Council
Appointment	Council Meeting on May 10, 2021