



TOWN OF JACKMAN

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PRESS RELEASE

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Jackman, Maine - The Board of Selectmen, having addressed their prior town manager situation, are now moving forward. The Board agreed to hire Mitchell Berkowitz as their Interim Town Manager to assure that the daily operations, budget development and other issues are addressed as well as to provide leadership and continuity in the Town's efforts to address the recent changes in rescue and medical services. "Mitch has helped us in the past and has agreed to come back to Jackman again", said Jayme French, Chair of the Board. We look forward to his thoughts and guidance and want him to ensure that during this period of time, our operations are running efficiently.

As part of his interim responsibilities, we have asked him to contact key professional recruitment groups and to review costs associated with this approach. The Board fully intends on hiring a full time Town Manager. We also want him to review the draft budget requests and to be a key person in the ongoing efforts to address Jackman's health service's needs, added Mr. French. The Board expressed their unanimous vote to approve the interim town manager agreement at their January 24th meeting, assuring that local government operations would move forward.

Besides working for Jackman, Mitch is assisting the Town of Naples and will complete that work towards the end of February as Mr. John Hawley was recently hired as their next town manager, according to Mr. French. Though he will be out of state for two weeks, we have his cell phone number and will keep him informed of the Jackman issues. The agreement to hire Mr. Berkowitz is open ended and allows the Board to terminate the agreement without cause with a 48 hour notice.

Jackman is a four season recreation destination as well as one of the major border entries to and from Canada. Winter snowmobiling as well as other four season activities support visitors of many leisure interests. For more information, please contact the Jackman Moose River Region Chamber of Commerce at their website or call 1-888-633-5225.

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