



# TOWN OF JACKMAN

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PRESS RELEASE

## TOWN OF JACKMAN HIRES NEW MANAGER

Jackman, Maine: The Select Board for this northern community completed their search for a town manager and are pleased to announce that they have formally offered the position to Mr. Tom Kawczynski of Lisbon New Hampshire. “We had fourteen applicants who expressed their interest in this position” stated Jayme French, Chair of the Select Board. The hiring process included the Board as well as six citizens who went to great lengths in reviewing each application. The hiring team chose five applicants who were then interviewed over a two day period. The Board continued their diligence and chose the top three to complete a set of assignments from which Mr. Kawczynski was considered as their prime choice. After completing the back-ground checks, Mr. Kawczynski and his wife Dana, were formally invited to meet with the Chair of the Board. “Tom’s interest in Jackman was very apparent. He had visited our community several times prior to their second interview”, Mr. French stated.

Mr. Kawczynski has a varied business background that also included some work in Pennsylvania involving local politics. Asked why they wanted to come to Jackman, Tom indicated that he wanted a career change and also, they viewed Jackman as an ideal place to provide them with the alternatives of larger cities. “Both Dana and I see Jackman as our home and we are excited in this next adventure. Being able to gain experience while also assisting in shaping the future of a community is just what I have been looking for”, Tom stated to the Board.

When asked about the learning curve for being a town manager Tom said,” that it can be very challenging, but having access to various resources including our current interim manager, Mitch Berkowitz, will provide me with the added skills and confidence that I bring to Jackman.” The recent news regarding the notice to close the Nursing Home which will impact the current arrangements for ambulance transfers is our primary focus now and working with the Select Board and the Community and region will be my priority.

The Select Board completed the hiring process on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Kawczynski will be assuming his responsibilities towards the end of June and has already made housing arrangements in Jackman. For more information or to talk with Tom, please contact the Jackman Town Office at 668-2111.

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