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To: Members of the Board of Selectmen

From: Adam Chapdelaine, Town Manager

RE: Community Preservation Committee – Recommended Appointments

Date: September 17, 2015

I am writing to provide you with the candidates that Chairman Greeley and I are recommending for appointment to the Community Preservation Committee by the Board of Selectmen. As you know, the Board appointed a screening committee to narrow the applicants from 21 to a smaller number recommended for interview by me and the Chairman. The report of the screening committee is included as an attachment to this agenda item. As you will see, the screening committee narrowed the field to 9 candidates recommended for interview.

The Chairman and I interviewed each of the 9 finalists for 15 minutes via phone and discussed both their general interest in serving on the committee along with specifics regarding their approach to handling the task ahead for the committee. I think I can speak for both myself and the Chairman in saying that we had a very difficult task in selecting only 4 from the pool of 9. All of the candidates were impressive and prepared, and certainly further prove that Arlington is fortunate to have such rich talent willing to volunteer their time for the Town.

After the interviews, both the Chairman and I individually ranked the candidates in order of preference. We both included the same 4 candidates in our top 4, though they were in a different order. The candidates that we would like to recommend to the Board for appointment are as follows:

Clarissa Rowe

David Levy

Eric Helmuth

Andrew Bengston

I have attached the letters of interest and resumes of each of these recommended candidates to this agenda item for the Board's reference. As mentioned, this was a very difficult selection process, but we respectfully request the Board's approval of these appointments.