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WARD APPOINTED LINCOLN FINANCE DIRECTOR

Town Administrator Elect T. Joseph Almond announces the appointment of John Ward as the Town's new Finance Director. Almond stated, "I'm happy to welcome Mr. Ward to Lincoln's management team. I look forward to utilizing his financial management skills as we work to control escalating residential property taxes, and make services more cost effective."

Almond added, "Ward was selected for this position from a substantial pool of qualified applicants after a thorough screening and interview process. His qualifications exceed the pre-requisite experience, education, and skills required to be Finance Director. John will be a valuable resource to the administration in the management of municipal finances and budget preparation. More cost effective government services is one of my top priorities, and John will play a significant role in the planning and evaluation. He will also serve as a valuable resource for our Town Council, School Committee and Budget Board, as well as other boards and commissions in the performance of their duties."

Ward resides in Woonsocket with his wife Catherine; they have two children, Patrick and Christopher. He is a CPA with degrees in business administration and accounting from Bryant College. He has twenty-five years of experience in the finance field, including both the municipal and private sectors. His municipal experience includes finance and staff management of housing and school departments.

Almond stated, "As we begin a new administration, I look forward to John being an integral part of our management team. We are fortunate to have hired a Finance Director with John's expertise and experience. We look forward to the financial challenges of continuing to provide our residents with excellent services while maintaining fiscal stability."

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