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Memorandum

Date: September 14, 2020

To: Mr. Jonathan H. Freedman – Chair, Select Board

From: Chief James G. Hicks

RE: Appointment of Patrol Officers

The Natick Police Department currently has three (3) vacancies. I respectfully request the Board of Selectmen as appointing authority for police officers in the Town of Natick appoint the following candidates as Permanent Fulltime Police Officers. This appointment should be contingent upon successful completion of a medical examination, psychological examination, physical abilities test, completion of the Police Academy and any other requirements necessary for successful certification with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Human Resource Division.

These appointments would be effective Monday, September 28, 2020 to allow for attendance at the State Police Municipal Academy #9, New Braintree, MA.

Jared Abbruzzese

John Wilkins

Jared Abbruzzese

Jared is a 2016 graduate of Natick High School where he played on the football and baseball teams all four years, and was elected captain for both teams. Jared was invited to play in the Shriners All-Star Football Game at Xaverian High School during his senior year. He is a 2020 graduate of Nichols College with a degree in Criminal Justice where he maintained a full course load while playing football.

Jared has been employed with Brezniack-Rodman Funeral Home in Newton, Massachusetts as a Funeral Assistant, working wakes and funerals at the funeral home, places of worship and cemeteries, since May of last year.

Owner Mr. Bresniak describes Jared as a "tremendous" employee who others like to work with. He related that although Jared is very young, he is an "old soul" who is always respectful and responsible during difficult and stressful times. Mr. Bresniak added that Jared is educated, smart, and likes to ask questions when he is unsure. He can be trusted to work by himself, but also works great as part of a team, which is what they do for wakes and funerals."

He further described Jared as a "class act" always exuding a caring attitude towards the grieving families. Mr. Bresniak related that "dealing with death and dying is not easy for anyone and although Jared is young he handles himself with the utmost professionalism and respectfulness." He believes Jared's experience with funeral homes, the Medical Examiner's Office and death in general will benefit him as a police officer.

Jared currently resides in Natick with his mother Polly, father Michael, sister Nicole, and brother Michael who is a Natick Firefighter.

John Wilkins

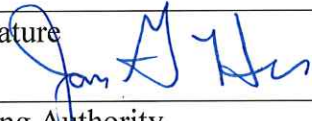
John is a 2016 graduate of Natick High School where he excelled in soccer. Upon graduation from high school he attended Providence College playing Division 1 soccer before transferring to Central Connecticut State University in New Britain Connecticut where he graduated with a Bachelors of Arts Degree in Criminology and a minor in Sociology.

During the interview he was asked why he left Providence College, he admitted a major factor was that both of his sisters had just graduated from college and his financial aid package would change and he wasn't comfortable with his parents and himself incurring such a tuition debit.

John has worked for the past two summers at the Longfellow Sports Club in Natick. Our investigator was able to speak with Mr. Mike Gallagher who is a supervisor at Longfellow. He described John as the most dependable employee that he has ever had working for him. He states he is a great worker, mature, has excellent work habits, one who is always willing to work.

Our investigator was also able to speak with Mr. Myke Farricker, business partner and co-owner of the Longfellow Health Clubs. He described John as a very hard worker, he handles criticism well and is well liked by everyone. He related recently, John in a very mature way, said to him "I don't look at events as failures, I look at them as situations to learn from".

John currently resides in Ashland with his mother Lisa, father Christopher, and sisters Nicole and Carly.

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Issuing Authority	Chief James. G Hicks