

## TOWN OF GREEN MOUNTAIN FALLS



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The Town of Green Mountain Falls has announced two finalists in its search to permanently fill the position of Town Manager. Since last February, former Manitou Springs City Administrator Jason Wells has been fulfilling the Manager duties on an interim basis. The Town began recruiting for a permanent Town Manager in early February of this year, and in collaboration with municipal consultant Judy Egbert of GovPro Consulting, Mr. Wells has been assisting with the candidate vetting process since that time. Ms. Egbert had served as interim Town Clerk from last March until current Town Clerk/Treasurer, Laura Kotewa, was appointed last December. While the Clerk/Treasurer and Town Manager comprise the Town's full administrative support structure, the Town is also served by a full-time Town Marshall and a full-time Public Works Maintenance Worker.

In 2016, the Town Board elected to establish the Manager position with the support of grant funds awarded by the Colorado Department of Local Affairs. Those funds continue to support the position. They are set to expire mid-year next year, however, at which time the Town will shoulder the full cost of the position should the Town Board elect to continue its migration to a typical *Council-Manager* form of government. Prior to 2016, the Town Board played a more active role in managing the Town's day-to-day affairs, an outdated model of governance which according to Mayor Jane Newberry was "not well-suited for providing quality customer service to our residents via a single point of managerial oversight." While the creation of the position will impact the Town's modest annual budget, the Board has sought to offset these impacts through various reorganization measures throughout the last year, including the elimination of a Public Works manager position along with the assignment of all administrative tasks associated with that department to the Town Manager.

According to Wells, the Town was fortunate to receive an impressive response in the form of twenty-two applications, most of which arrived from qualified applicants with demonstrated local government experience. From these, a preliminary interview panel which included municipal managers from surrounding communities advanced a field of select candidates to the Town Board for its consideration in the course of its regular meeting this Tuesday. The Town Board, in turn, identified two applicants who have been asked to continue in the recruitment process as finalists. They are:

### Kyle Coleman

Mr. Coleman is currently the Assistant to the Village Manager for the Village of Estero Florida. He holds a Master's degree in Business Administration as well as a Master's degree in Public Administration, each of which he was awarded from Syracuse University. Mr. Coleman also holds a Bachelor of Science which he obtained with a quadruple major in Information Technology, Accounting, Finance, and Economics. He holds a certificate of Advanced Study in Health Services Management and Policy. Prior experience includes Founder and CEO of SAT Academy of Southwest Florida, and Executive Director of the Greater Syracuse Project.

Emilly Katsimpalis

Ms. Katsimpalis most recently held the position of Assistant to the Town Administrator of Buena Vista. She holds a Master's of Public Administration from the University of Colorado, Denver and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Colorado, Boulder. Ms. Katsimpalis prior experience includes serving as Special Projects Coordinator for the City of Salida, a Creative District Consultant for Colorado Creative Industries, Intern in Economic Development and Data Analysis for Denver's Art District on Santa Fe, Intern in the Office of External Affairs for the US Fish and Wildlife Service, Intern in Public Relations/Communications for the Colorado Criminal Defense Bar, and Administrative Assistant for Boulder County Human Services.

Each of the two finalists has been invited to spend the full day in Green Mountain Falls on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Applicants will meet with current staff, participate in a tour of the Town, engage in final interviews with the full Town Board of Trustees, and meet with citizens in an informal community reception environment at the end of the day. Details on this public session will be made available at a later time, but it is expected to take place at approximately 6:30 PM for those interested in saving the date.