

# Town of Landis NEWS PRESS RELEASE

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### Diane Seaford Appointed as Landis Town Manager

Landis, NC, March 30, 2021 – I am pleased to announce that the Board of Aldermen for the Town of Landis voted unanimously this evening to appoint Diane Seaford to be our new Town Manager. Seaford, who was selected from a pool of twelve candidates for the position, will begin her duties tomorrow at an annual salary of \$95,000.

Seaford, who initially came to the town as finance officer on September 11, 2019, has also served as assistant town manager under Interim Town Manager Leonard Barefoot for the past year. "Credit for so much of what we have accomplished during this difficult past year goes to Diane" said Barefoot. "She has an incredible work ethic. I am confident citizens will continue to see progress under her leadership".

Seaford has considerable experience in both the private sector and local government, having worked as a budget officer for Cabarrus County early in her career. She holds a BS Degree in Business from Meredith College and a Masters of Business Administration from Pfeiffer University. Seaford and husband Todd who have been married for 34 years, reside nearby in Cabarrus County. They have two daughters and two grandchildren. Church, children and the outdoors are Diane's off duty passions.

The Board conducted a comprehensive and exhaustive search in order to find the right person for the position of town manager. According to Mayor Smith "We interviewed five really good applicants for the position; however, Diane's body of work here during the past year proved to be a deciding factor."

Seaford offered the following to sum up her feelings about her selection. "I am extremely honored to have been selected to serve as the next town manager of Landis. I owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. Barefoot for the experience he has shared with me over this past year. We have an amazing staff in place and are well positioned to move Landis forward in a positive manner. My sincerest thanks go to Mayor Smith and the Board for the confidence they have placed in our staff and me. We are all excited to be a part of Landis's future."