

## Finalists: Three vie for spot

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for Saratoga Springs, Utah, and finance intern for Lehi City, Utah.

Moberg, Seaside's library director and public information officer, has nine years of local government management experience. She served as youth services librarian and volunteer manager for Lane Library District/Creswell Library and assistant librarian for Gearhart Elementary School, among other library positions.

Selby, most recently interim assistant city manager for Yakima, Washington, has 11 years of local government management experience. Earlier, he served as the interim executive director for Middlesex West Chamber of Commerce in Massachusetts, land use and economic development director for Acton, Massachusetts, as well as director of community development and health, economic development coordinator and conservation agent and zoning enforcement officer for Ashland, Massachusetts.

The position is budgeted at up to \$140,000. Winstanley receives an annual salary of \$130,620.

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## Exhibit: Highlights newspaper's glory days

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"She just dropped in," Wright said. "She immediately came over and tried to figure out what she could do."

The Wertzzes funded the renovation, which has been a draw at the museum since its opening.

The Seaside Museum & Historical Society opened in 1983.

The one-ton Lino-type was delivered to the museum in 1986, carried in by the fire department.

An accompanying video introduces visitors to a similar machine still in use at a newspaper in Colorado.

"It's fascinating when you can watch and see how it works and the complexity," Bill Wertz said.

"It makes you really appreciate how they had to put that paper out. It was versatile. It worked. And it printed many, many newspapers until the advent of the computer and optical type."

The exhibit includes enlarged photo reproductions from the Signal's office on Broadway across from what was then the City Hall — and is now Seaside Brewery.

Samples of editions present the changing face of journalism and how the newspaper covered some of the important events in that community's history.

Griffith recognized the paper's founder, R.M. Watson, and future owners B.J. Callahan and E.N. Hurd,

and Max Schafer and his family, who ran the paper for 46 years.

Columnists Claire Lovell and Elna Furnish were also recalled for their contributions to the newspaper, as was printer Wayne Brown, who operated the Lino-type machine.

"Everything that was printed in town was printed in that shop," Griffith said.

Bill Wertz, originally from New Mexico, was inspired by his long career in journalism to support the exhibit's enhancements.

As a bureau chief for the Associated Press, he covered statehouses throughout the country. He followed with a career in corporate communications before retiring in 2019.

"This has been a lot of fun for me," Wertz said of the exhibit. "When I was a college student I worked at the college newspaper, which was then printed the same way the Seaside Signal was printed, using a Lino-type machine."

"It's just great to relive those years and think about all the fun we had working with those guys," Wertz said.

"They were crusty old veterans and they taught young folks like me a lot, about not only the printing business, but the business of writing stories. I've never forgotten those days, and it was fun. Hopefully this will give you sort of a sense of what the newspaper was like for many, many years."

## Rentals: Density limits may be lower

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grace period from 60 to 90 days when a vacation rental property is transferred in order to give previous owners the opportunity to clear out existing reservations after a conditional use permit has been voided.

There are about 350 vacation rentals approved or in process within Seaside — and about 400 with the addition of rental condos, single-family dwellings operating as motels and bed-and-breakfasts, according to acting City Planner Jeff Flory.

The density policy is specific to the zoning and area where vacation rentals are permitted.

In the resort residential zone, there is no density requirement. In the higher residential zones — R-2 and R-3 — the density is 40% unless the property is near the oceanfront area, which is 50%. Anything below 20% in those areas may receive a vacation rental permit without Planning Commission review, as long as the property meets standards outlined in the code.

While a density reduction could affect residential zones where vacation rentals are permitted, about 90 oceanfront homes could become eligible as vacation rentals.

"I would imagine that some of those property owners want to keep their houses for themselves, just because properties are allowed to doesn't mean that suddenly everybody's going to," Commissioner Kathy Kleczek said.

Kleczek said a cap of 400 vacation rentals could provide opportunities for housing for employees of all economic levels.

"It keeps it so that we

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To compare maps of the current vacation rental density limits and the proposed changes, see this story at [Seasidesignal.com](http://Seasidesignal.com).

aren't going to get out of control," she said. "And we aren't going to continue to hemorrhage full-time, long-term housing."

Commissioner Seth Morrissey and other commissioners said they would prefer to regulate via density.

"I think that makes more sense than an overall cap," Morrissey said.

While rejecting the cap, the Planning Commission proposed a two-year waiting period for a vacation rental permit on new construction after the property has been issued a certificate of occupancy by the building official.

The waiting period gives homeowners "more of a feel of the community and

the needs of the community before they then decide to turn it into a vacation rental," Kleczek said.

City Attorney Dan Van Thiel said the city was on solid ground with the proposed changes.

"These are policy considerations," he said. "I don't know that there are many legal considerations. I watched you discuss these things. And we're creating a record as to how we arrived at what we do from a policy standpoint. With that in mind, you can basically do whatever you want to do, within reason."

Currently permitted vacation rentals will not be subject to the proposed policy changes, Flory said. However, if a permitted rental is sold, any new owner of that property will be subject to the policies of the Planning Commission and City Council that are in place at the time of application.

The recommendations will head to the City Council for review.



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