Elected or Appointed Officials - Summarized

	ELECTED	APPOINTED
Qualifications	 No minimum job-related qualifications by law. Any resident of the town can run if they are 18 years or older. Qualifications are provided in campaign material. 	 Town sets minimum qualifications via a job description Appointment will be a town resident recommended by the Committee to consist of: 1 Town Board Member, 2 Town residents, 1 Rec Director and the Town Engineer.
Accountability	 An elected official cannot be removed from office unless they break the law in the course of their duties. Elected officials cannot be disciplined, suspended, terminated or supervised by the Town Board, with the exception of fiscal oversight. 	 Performance reviews are done by Committee. If necessary, disciplinary action is allowed if employee is not performing his/her duties in accordance with the Town of Beekman Personnel Policy.
	 Elected officials act independent of the Town Board are not restricted or regulated in the time devoted to official duties. Must take oath of office No requirement to work on site at the Highway Department. 	 A requirement to be on site while performing the duties of Highway Superintendent.
Compensation	Salaries for elected officials are set by the Town Board and cannot be reduced or withheld during the term of office unless a referendum is held.	 Salaries are set by the Town Board based on qualifications and experience.
Public Participation	Voters choose the official.	The Public elects four Town Councilpersons and a Town Supervisor who select and oversee non-elected employees of the town based on performance and Committee input.
Job Security	Elected for a specific term.	The appointed positions will be renewable term appointments.
Time Off	No restrictions on amount of time taken off for vacation, sick leave or other full time employment.	Employee will reference the town Personnel Policy for benefit time.
Financial	The Highway Superintendent has wide latitude on spending for equipment, paving and road maintenance within limits set by the Town Budget and 284 Agreement.	 the Highway Superintendent works with the Town Board on capital plans and spending based on legal requirements and budgetary needs.

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