Borough Manager Candidates Narrowed to Top 15

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The assembly's executive session comes at the end of what is expected to be a relatively quiet meeting. No public hearings are scheduled, though there are three contracts slated for approval.

The first is the recycling contract with Threshold Services which currently collects, sorts and ships area recyclables to off-island centers. The contract calls for the borough to pay a flat rate of $17,500 per month, which is $210,000 annually. As part of the contract, Threshold in turn will pay the borough 10 percent of the first year's and 15 percent of subsequent years' income from the sale of the recyclables.

And like their city counterparts who are meeting down the hall, assembly members will consider contracts with the Kodiak Chamber of Commerce and the Kodiak Island Convention and Visitor's Bureau.

The borough's share for the chamber contract is $43,000, while the contract being considered with the visitors' bureau would cost the borough $65,000. The visitors' bureau is funded with the borough's bed tax.

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Laura Allen, Walnut Creek, CA

Alan Lanning, Steamboat Springs, CO

Bonnie Therrien, Wethersfield, CT

Roy Eckert, Powder Springs, GA

Carlo Pilgrim, Boothbay Harbor, ME

Margaret Cluckey, Buchanan, MI

Eric Strahl, Menominee, MI

David Richards, Pahrump, NV

Diana Christine Nelson, Vashon Island, WA