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Calenda picked to be interim U.S. attorney

2022 state RI candidate to be sworn in today

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Charles “Chas” Calenda, a 2022 GOP candidate for attorney general, staunch gun rights advocate and active social media commentator, has been appointed as the top federal prosecutor for Rhode Island on an interim basis.



Calenda has confirmed that U.S. Attorney General Pam Bondi appointed him as the “interim United States Attorney” for the District of Rhode Island, and that U.S. District Court Chief Judge John McConnell will conduct a swearing-in ceremony at the federal courthouse on Tuesday, Dec. 30, at 11 a.m.

As Calenda explained “interim”: it means 120 days or until a nomination is confirmed.

“I have no further comment at this time but expect to release a statement once sworn in,” he told The Journal.

In light of his appointment, Calenda, 44, confirmed that he has stepped down from his seat in the West Greenwich Town Council.

On Sunday, Dec. 28, U.S. Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse, a senior member of the Senate Judiciary Committee and a Democrat, issued this statement on Calenda’s appointment:

“Despite good-faith efforts at a bipartisan nomination process with the Trump White House, the MAGA Department of Justice insisted on a MAGA stooge with neither the qualifications nor temperament for this position. There will be no blue slip and we will be rid of him soon enough.”

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The Hummel Report
Jim Hummel

Scituate condo owners blame developer, town for building nightmares

They moved here three years ago from Lincoln, Coventry and North Providence, to what prospective owners thought would be their dream retirement condos: single-floor units surrounded by woods and quiet, a mile from the Scituate Reservoir.

But disputes between the developers, unfinished landscaping and driveways, drainage issues and three units they say do not match theirs – and were not constructed according to plans approved by the town – have dominated much of their tenure in Scituate at McIntosh Estates on Chopmist Hill Road.

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The original foundation that developer John Pereira laid for Building A in 2023; it was ordered removed by the Town of Scituate because it did not meet approved plans. PROVIDED BY BILL TURGEON

Top: Homeowners association President Michele Diamond stands in front of the McIntosh Estates condominium that she and her husband purchased in 2022. JIM HUMMEL/THE HUMMEL REPORT

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