

David Hediger Appointed Lewiston's Director of Planning & Code

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LEWISTON: City Administrator Edward Barrett has selected David Hediger as Lewiston's next Director of Planning and Code. Mr. Hediger will assume this position on June 1st upon the retirement of Gil Arsenault, the current director.

In announcing this appointment, Mr. Barrett said: *"David has been a valued City employee for just shy of 20 years and has been the Department's Deputy Director since 2002. He knows the City and our organization and is respected by city staff and members of the community for his dedication, hard work, and treating all those with whom he comes into professional contact fairly. His promotion will ensure a seamless transition in the Department's leadership."*

City Councilor Jim Lysen, who served on the hiring panel along with Deputy Administrator Denis D'Auteuil and resident Craig Saddlemire, added, *"Dave is a great choice and was unanimously recommended by the hiring panel. In recent years, he has been responsible for coordinating the development of our award winning Riverfront Island Master Plan and our recently adopted Legacy Lewiston comprehensive plan. I am pleased he will now be leading our efforts to implement these plans. I look forward to discussing with the Council the resources necessary to continue and expand the Department's important work."*

Reacting to his selection, Mr. Hediger said: *"I am very pleased to have been chosen for this position. Planning and Code Enforcement plays a large role in the desirability, health, safety, and welfare of a community. Credit should be given to current Director, Gil Arsenault, who has been very effective in guiding this department. The City is fortunate to have a department with staff who are experienced and care about the community. I'm proud to be able to continue serving the citizens of Lewiston and look forward to maintaining and improving upon the high level of service our residents expect from the city."*

Prior to his promotion to Deputy Director, David served as the City's Land Use Inspection Officer. He holds a Master's Degree in Public Policy and Management from the University of Southern Maine and a B.A. in Geography/Environmental Planning and Policy from the University of Maine in Farmington. Dave is also a certified Maine code enforcement officer and is certified in erosion control practices by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection.

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