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Barrington Announces New Town Manager

BARRINGTON, RI — The Town of Barrington named Town Planner Philip Hervey as the next Town Manager, they announced today. Hervey will replace retiring Town Manager Jim Cunha on January 1, 2022.

“I am thrilled to have Phil Hervey as our new Town Manager,” said Barrington Town Council President Michael Carroll. “His 16 years of experience working for the Town of Barrington demonstrate that he knows and loves this community that he calls home. He is also the right person for this time. Because we are surrounded by water, Barrington faces enormous challenges from climate change and sea level rise, and these are where his extensive planning experience will serve us well as we prepare for the future.”

For over 15 years, Hervey has served as the town’s planner, helping to secure approximately 50 grants totaling more than \$6.4 million for Barrington, including funds from the National Park Service and Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management.

Hervey was chosen out of 40 well-qualified applicants. He has overseen various municipal projects for the town, such as Latham Park Phases 1 and 2, Town Beach recreation and water quality improvements and energy efficiency projects.

“Over the past 15 years, I have enjoyed serving as Barrington’s Town Planner and Director of Planning, Building and Resiliency,” said Hervey. “I am honored to continue to serve the community as town manager, and look forward to continuing to work closely with the Council and hard-working staff to provide essential services, maintain a fiscally responsible budget and prepare for the challenges of the future.”

Hervey has been a recipient of several awards from the Rhode Island Chapter of American Planning Association. His 2020 Bay Spring Neighborhood Resilience Plan was named Excellent Comprehensive Plan, while his Barrington Comprehensive Community Plan was awarded Outstanding Comprehensive Plan in 2015.

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