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AUBURN'S ROLAND MILLER TO RETIRE FOLLOWING 35 YEARS OF DEDICATION

AUBURN, ME – The City of Auburn announces the retirement of its Economic Development Director, Roland Miller. Mr. Miller has been employed with the City of Auburn for 35 years and will retire at the end of November.

Mr. Miller started with the City of Auburn on January 7, 1980 as Director of the Community Development Department. In December of 2000 he was promoted to Economic Development Director. In his time at Auburn, Roland exhibited exceptional ability in regional and municipal Economic Development.

Roland is a native of Wisconsin. He received his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Wisconsin - Oshkosh - and later served on the faculty. His previous professional experiences include: Deputy Director of the Community Development Department of Oshkosh, Wisconsin where he oversaw Planning, Grant Administration, Redevelopment, Housing, Codes and Ordinances and Transportation. Later, he was the Planning Analyst for the Portage County Area-wide Planning Committee, Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

Roland's municipal projects and value-delivered over the course of the past 35 years in Auburn include: the heroic preservation of the great historic buildings that line Auburn's Main Street, the process and production of various municipal Comprehensive Plans and District Plans, the development of the Mall District, the attraction and expansion of Auburn's largest industries, the building and tenanting of Auburn's first Industrial Parks, developing the Intermodal Railroad Facility, the establishment of the Port of Auburn, the creation of healthy and high-quality affordable

housing, the production and improvement of municipal zoning regulations, the provision of loans and grants to small business owners, the development of neighborhood parks and green spaces, the revitalization of the Downtown Auburn Riverfront; and the list goes on. Roland Miller has touched almost every aspect of life and livelihood in Auburn. His impact on this community will continue long into the future.

“One thing that sets Roland apart from many Economic Development professionals is his motivation,” states Eric Cousens, Deputy Director of Planning and Development. “For Roland, it’s not about profit for himself or profit for just the individuals doing the project. He recognizes that people need to make money to keep doing projects and what really motivates him is job creation and creating opportunity for others to better themselves.”

When he’s not at work, Roland enjoys singing in his church choir. He is also a tournament-level Bridge Player and also enjoys fishing and reading and spending time with his wife and three children.

The City will conduct a nationwide search for his replacement in the immediate future.

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