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AUBURN ANNOUNCES DIRECTOR APPOINTMENTS

AUBURN, ME. -- Economic and Community Development Director: Following a nation-wide search, Auburn's City Manager has announced he has hired Michael Chammings of Oxford, Maine to fill the role of Economic and Community Development Director. Mr. Chammings will begin his tenure on January 19, 2016.

Mr. Chammings received a B.A. in Public Management and an MPA from the University of Maine in Orono. He has over twenty years of municipal management and economic and community development in various communities in Maine. During his tenure as the Town Manager in Oxford he was instrumental in the success of the 2010 referendum and the subsequent building and marketing of the Oxford Casino that was the largest economic development project in Maine during a period of lack of growth across the state.

Mr. Chammings has a strong background in creating jobs (800 in the last five years), economic development, community development, expertise in the State's Tax Increment Finance program, grant acquisition and management, and financial management. He is a strong complement to the City's staff and is the best candidate for the long term success of the City's economic and community development efforts.

Mr. Chammings is a USMC veteran and is active in veteran affairs across the region.

Recreation Director: City Manager Howard Kroll is also pleased to announce that he has hired Sabrina Best to assume leadership of the Recreation Department. Ms. Best has served since 2006 in various capacities with the City of South Portland's Department of Recreation & Parks & Waterfront, most recently as the Leisure Service Manager. She has planned, organized, and implemented youth sports programs and adult sports leagues. She was the Facilities Manager for the Wainwright Recreation Fields Complex in South Portland. She has coached softball and basketball at SMCC.

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Ms. Best has an Associates Degree from SMCC and a Bachelors Degree from Southern New Hampshire University in Business Studies with a concentration in Sport Management.

Ms. Best will bring a high level of creativity, energy, and organizational skills to the Recreation Department and to the Ingersoll Turf Facility. She will be a great asset as the City builds an outstanding team of professionals to deliver first class programs to Auburn's citizens. Ms. Best will begin her tenure on January 25, 2016.

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