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DIRECTOR OF PLANNING HIRED

SOUTH KINGSTOWN, RHODE ISLAND — Town Manager, Robert Zarnetske announced that the Town of South Kingstown has hired James Rabbitt to head the Town's Planning Department. Mr. Rabbitt has over 30 years of experience as a certified planner and has previously worked as the Director of Planning and Community Development for the Town of Simsbury, Connecticut. Prior to Simsbury, he worked for over 20 years as a senior planner with the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments, based in Norwich, Connecticut.

Mr. Rabbitt holds a bachelor's in accounting from Central Connecticut State University and received his graduate training at the University of Rhode Island, School of Community Planning and Area Development (CPAD).

In his role as the Director of Planning and Community Development in Simsbury, he oversaw the Town's Land Use and Building departments and staffed the Town's Zoning Commission, Planning Commission and Design/Architectural Review Board. Mr. Rabbit has expertise in private sector development, municipal development and the regulatory review process including all aspects of development from concept through design, permitting and final construction with a strong emphasis on architecture, engineering and design principles.

"Jamie has a wealth of experience and comes back to South Kingstown with a work ethic and healthy respect for public input that will serve the community well," said Zarnetske. "He's been successful in doing many of the things South Kingstown wants to do, from improving housing availability and choices to integrating community values into the planning process," according to Zarnetske. Zarnetske said he looks forward to having the new director join the Town's senior management team.