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### ***City Council to Appoint City Engineer as New Public Works Director***

(BRISTOL, CT) – City Engineer Ray Rogozinski has recently accepted a promotion to be the city's next Director of Public Works.

Rogozinski, who has a Bachelor's degree in civil engineering and a Master's degree in environmental engineering, has served the City of Bristol in various roles with the Department of Public Works since 1997.

"Ray brings over two decades of dedicated service to the City of Bristol and extensive knowledge of the many functions of the Public Works Department," said Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu, "We are looking forward to his leadership and ideas. In the last year, there have been several retirements and new hires of young professionals who are bringing a new energy to the various divisions and I think this bodes well for the future of the department."

"It is great to see that Bristol was able to promote from within and award the position to someone that has shown his dedication to the city for so many years," said City Councillor Greg Hahn.

Rogozinski started with the Public Works Department in 1997 as Assistant City Engineer, responsible for multiple technical and administrative duties of the Engineering Division. In 2016 he was promoted to City Engineer, overseeing all operations and functions of the Engineering Division as well as the department's Major Road Improvement, Pavement Marking, Rail Road Maintenance, Street Light and 10 Year Capital Improvement programs. Rogozinski's promotion comes after Public Works Director Walter Veselka had retired and taken a position with the City of Hartford last November.

"I view the position of Director as someone who continually explores ways to improve the department," Rogozinski said, "whether it is through creating or revising department policies, providing employee training to all staffing levels, evaluating technologies that will increase efficiencies, or seeking ways to improve employee morale and the Department's image within the community."

When asked about the future of the Public Works department, Rogozinski cited "the demand for increased services, the need to provide the highest level of customer service to residents, and potential tight budgets" as challenges that the next Director of Public Works will likely face. But Rogozinski says he is prepared, "I believe that my combination of work experience and educational background, along with my record of commitment to the City, make me ideally suited to meet these challenges."

Rogozinski lives in Wolcott with his wife and son. He will officially begin his new role after the City Council officially acts on the Mayor's nomination to appoint him at the City Council meeting on February 12.



*Ray Rogozinski, will be filling the Director of Public Works position at City Hall.*

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