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PRESS RELEASE

Town of Wallingford Names Sebastian Velez Environmental and Natural Resources Planner

Wallingford, CT — The Town of Wallingford is pleased to announce the appointment of Sebastian Velez as the Town's new Environmental and Natural Resources Planner. Velez will begin his role Monday, August 3.

Velez comes to Wallingford with experience in municipal land use, zoning enforcement, wetlands regulation, geographic information systems (GIS) and working with residents, commissions and developers on land use matters.

Velez most recently served as Land Use Enforcement Officer for the Town of Newtown, a position he has held since July 2023. In that role, he reviewed building permit applications for compliance with zoning and wetlands regulations, investigated zoning and wetlands violations, conducted field inspections and assisted residents with land use questions. He also worked with town commissions, maintained land use databases, conducted water sampling inspections and completed wetlands reporting for submission to the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.

“We are pleased to welcome Sebastian to the Town of Wallingford,” Mayor Vincent Cervoni said. “His experience with municipal land use, wetlands and zoning will be an asset as we continue our obligations to manage Wallingford’s natural resources and plan for the community’s future.”

Before joining Newtown, Velez worked as an intern planner for the Town of Windsor Locks, where he reviewed site plans, permits, variances and inland wetlands applications. He also conducted planning research, drafted zoning regulation amendments and used GIS for municipal planning work.

Velez earned a degree in geography with a focus in planning and a minor in Geographic Information Systems from Central Connecticut State University in 2023. His professional skills include site plan review and analysis, GIS using ArcGIS and ESRI platforms and municipal land use regulation.

As Environmental and Natural Resources Planner, Velez will support the Town’s work involving environmental planning, natural resources, land use and related municipal initiatives.

“We look forward to having Sebastian join our team and work with our departments, boards, commissions and residents,” Cervoni said.

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