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**Framingham Appoints Economic and Community Development Veteran Kevin J. Shea to Oversee City's Planning, Business and Housing Growth, as well as Conservation Efforts**

**FRAMINGHAM, MA** – Today Mayor Yvonne M. Spicer announced that she has appointed Kevin J. Shea as Director of Framingham's new Planning and Community Development Division.

Per the Framingham Home Rule Charter (Article V, Section 4, page 36), the Mayor must establish a "division of Planning and Community Development responsible for the coordination of all the planning and community development-related functions of the municipality" and appoint a Director to the new division. Shea will go before the Framingham City Council for confirmation. The planned salary for the position is expected to be \$111,754 - 128,508 annually.

"Framingham is growing. It's important that we have a strong leader in this role with a proven track record and who is well versed in all aspects of community and economic development," said Mayor Spicer. "Kevin Shea has spent the last 14 years as the Executive Director of Economic and Community Development in Taunton, MA where he headed up all development activities for the City. His vast experience and demonstrated success in leading economic and community efforts with several municipalities make him the right fit for Framingham."

Before serving in Taunton, Shea was the Director of Community and Economic Development in Barnstable, MA; the Executive Director of the Pawtucket Redevelopment Agency in Pawtucket, RI; Principal City Planner in Quincy, MA; Housing and Economic Development Planner in Chelsea, MA; and Community Development Coordinator in New Bedford, MA.

"Having an experienced and accomplished professional to lead economic development is critical in today's highly competitive environment," said Jay Ash, President and CEO of Massachusetts Competitive Partnership. "During my time as the Massachusetts Secretary, I worked with many such professionals and was always impressed with the work of Kevin Shea. Kevin knows the right stuff, has been committed to its implementation and has been the type of municipal



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leader that people both inside and outside of the community enjoy working with. I'm excited to see him use his considerable talents to help Framingham secure even more of its promise!"

"I am passionate about economic development, smart land use, and conservation, and my goal is to build consensus within the City through transparent and active civic engagement," said Kevin Shea, appointee to Director position for Framingham's Planning and Community Development Division. "I intend to provide the kind of guidance that helps the City of Framingham further develop it to its fullest potential.

Shea received an undergraduate degree in Urban Studies and Political Science from Canisius College in Buffalo, NY, and a Master's degree in Urban Affairs from Boston University.

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