

COUNTY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONER KEALY SALOMON RETIRES THIS WEEK

Molinaro Appoints Eoin Wrafter as Acting Commissioner

Poughkeepsie... Following more than 31 years of dedicated public service, Dutchess County Commissioner of Planning & Development Kealy Salomon will be retiring this Friday, April 25th. The Dutchess County Department of Planning & Development will host a retirement reception for Ms. Salomon tomorrow (Thursday, April 24th) at the Department's offices at 27 High Street in Poughkeepsie from 3pm to 5pm.

Dutchess County Executive Marcus J. Molinaro has announced Eoin Wrafter will be appointed as Acting Commissioner for Planning and Development following Ms. Salomon's retirement.

County Executive Molinaro said, "Kealy Salomon has dedicated her career to making Dutchess County a better place to live, work and play. After 31 years of service, we congratulate her on her retirement and wish her the very best. We are fortunate to have a talented team at the Department of Planning & Development and are pleased to have Eoin Wrafter step in to lead the team as Acting Commissioner."

Eoin Wrafter, 42, is a graduate of Our Lady of Lourdes High School and holds a Bachelors Degree in Geography from the State University of New York at New Paltz as well as a Master's Degree in Urban and Regional Planning (MURP) from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. He was a member of the 2012-13 class of Pattern for Progress' Regional Fellows Program, graduating in May 2013.

Mr. Wrafter began his career with Dutchess County Government as a student intern working to develop the County's first Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. In 1997, he joined the Department full time as a Planner focusing on transportation issues. He has also served in a variety of positions in the Planning Department, including Senior Planner and Transportation Program Administrator. He has been responsible for a variety of projects in communities around the County, including the Fishkill Route 52 Alternatives Analysis and the CR 71 (West Rd) Sidewalk Feasibility Study.

He was appointed Assistant Commissioner in 2010. As Assistant Commissioner, he has led the development and implementation of two new Community Investment Programs: the Agency Partner Grant Program (APGP) and the Municipal Consolidation and Shared Services Grant Program (MCSSGP). Under

these programs, the County has awarded more than \$2.6 million to 33 projects. He has also been responsible for the development and implementation of the Department's annual budget, including the Divisions of Public Transportation and Solid Waste.

Mr. Wrafter said, "It has been pleasure to serve with Kealy Salomon over the past four years as Assistant Commissioner. I am grateful to County Executive Molinaro for the opportunity to lead the great team of people here at the Department of Planning and Development as we head into the Department's next chapter."

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