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City of Bath Hires Director of Sustainability and Environment

(Bath, ME / Sagadahoc County) — The City of Bath has hired Rod Melanson as Director of Sustainability and Environment. Melanson comes to the position from the Topsham Planning Office where he focused initially on natural resource planning for 10 years, and served as the Director of Planning, Codes and Development for eight years.

Melanson received an undergraduate degree from the School of Forestry, Recreation and Park Management at the University of Maine. He completed his master's degree in Community Planning and Development at the Muskie School at the University of Southern Maine. Melanson brings with him a history of involvement with environmental organizations that include the Friends of Midcoast Maine, Maine Forest Service, and the Chewonki Foundation.

“As towns and cities confront a changing climate and economic constraints, I believe community dialogues and policy decisions need to rely on sound science and robust public processes,” said Melanson.

In his new position, Melanson will focus on Bath's response to climate change and sea level rise as well as preserving the City's natural resources. The job was created in response to the 2019 update to the City's Climate Action plan by the City Council to set policy around the City reducing greenhouse gases and preparing for the effects of climate change.

“I'm excited to have to have Rod join the City. He comes to Bath with a wealth of experience in municipal planning, environmental initiatives and conservation. He's a great fit to carry forward the City's work on climate action,” said City Manager Marc Meyers.

“It's exciting stepping into a role that people seem eager to support,” said Melanson. “I am especially impressed with the City of Bath for creating this position and am aware of the years of work and planning that have led to this.”

In his spare time, Melanson loves exploring the outdoors, sea kayaking and skiing with his wife and two children, aged 15 and 12. “I love it here,” he says. “I love the warmth of the people and I love the winter. I think it is a more playful time of year.”

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