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**Fuquay-Varina Economic Development Director Promoted to Assistant Town Manager**  
**New position to oversee development services for rapidly growing community**

Fuquay-Varina Economic Development Director, Jim Seymour, has been promoted as the Town's newest Assistant Town Manager

In his role as Assistant Town Manager, Seymour will oversee development services and those Town departments responsible for residential and non-residential development projects. Development service departments support permitting, plan review, inspection services, engineering, economic development, and public utilities throughout the community.

"Development services is a critical part of providing local government services," stated Town Manager Adam Mitchell. "Jim's experience and success originating and managing transformational projects for the Town has given him a good mindset for balancing development opportunities and challenges associated with rapidly growing communities like Fuquay-Varina. I am excited to have him as a part of my management team."

Seymour has been serving as the Town's Economic Development Director since 2011. As Economic Development Director, Seymour worked with Town Management to create the Town's first economic development strategic plan, incentive policy, and creation of the Town's Business Park, a North Carolina Certified Site. Some of Seymour's recent efforts include the recruitment of mixed-use development to the downtown community and overseeing construction of the Town's new Town Hall building and currently under construction police department facility.

"Jim will do great in his new role within our organization," stated Mayor John W. Byrne. "He has worked diligently to build and maintain relationships with members of the development community, our local business community, and our residents. Jim's understanding of our development process will play a strategic role in the Town's ability to manage growth and foster relationships with our residents and developers."

Seymour recently completed the UNC School of Government Municipal Administration course, having been awarded the George C. Franklin Award. Seymour is completing course work for a Masters of Public Administration degree. Seymour will assume duties for his new role starting Monday, January 6. The Town will begin a search to fill the vacant Economic Development Director position immediately.

Seymour stated, "The ability to help facilitate development from a local government position is exciting. I consider myself fortunate to have an opportunity to continue my career in public service and play a role in managing development for one of North Carolina's fastest-growing communities."

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