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APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING & ZONING DIRECTOR

City Manager Greg Lewis today announces the appointment of Andrew Gast-Bray to the position of Planning & Zoning Director for the City of Lebanon, effective September 26, 2011.

Dr. Gast-Bray is a graduate of the University of Michigan with both a BS in Engineering and a BA in Linguistics. He earned a Ph.D. in Engineering from the Ecole Centrale de Lille in France, and subsequently, a post-doctoral Master's in Community Planning degree from the University of Cincinnati.

Dr. Gast-Bray brings to the City of Lebanon more than 20 years of Planning, Engineering, and Management Experience, ten of which have been spent specializing in sustainable development. He has worked in the private sector serving as General Manager of Fontaine Engineering in Bridgeport, WV, and as Director of Sustainable West Virginia, a nonprofit organization that provides workshops and networking services on sustainable development projects. His work in the public sector includes serving as Director of Planning and Development for the Town of Winchendon, MA where he oversaw the rewrite of the Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance that included innovative land use planning for conservation districts and gateway overlays to protect entry corridors from sprawl, accompanied by form-based and performance-based guidelines. During his tenure, he launched a local redevelopment authority, and squired adaptive reuse of a historic mill complex into a water-powered economic center.

He is a member of the American Planning Association and the Congress for the New Urbanism, holds both AICP (American Institute of Certified Planners) and CNU-A accreditations. He is also on the LEED-ND corresponding committee - the U.S. Green Building Council's effort to promote green communities, has numerous publications, and is responsible for several patents and new technologies.

Dr. Gast-Bray will begin his official duties with the City of Lebanon as Planning & Zoning Director on Monday, September 26, 2011. His diverse Planning and Engineering knowledge will significantly enhance the current planning efforts in the City. His many years of experience will contribute greatly to meeting the goals of the City as we move forward to make Lebanon a vibrant, balanced, and sustainable community. I look forward to working with Andrew and am confident that he will work in the best interest of the City.

Authorized by Greg Lewis, City Manager