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CITY OF PEEKSKILL HIRES A NEW CITY MANAGER

(Peekskill, New York)... Mayor John G. Testa and members of the Common Council are pleased to announce that Daniel W. Fitzpatrick has accepted the position of City Manager for the City of Peekskill.

The Peekskill Common Council conducted a nationwide search with the assistance of Bennett Associates for a qualified and experienced person to replace outgoing City Manager James Madaffari, which resulted in over 50 applicants submitting their qualifications for the position. After a careful review of the applications received, the Common Council interviewed nine candidates during the second week of January 2003. Given that some key projects were in various stages of development, the Common Council performed its due diligence to ensure that the right person would be selected for this position.

Before the end of January 2003, the Common Council made an offer to Mr. Fitzpatrick, who has accepted the position and will begin assume the mantle of leadership in April of 2003. To ensure that the city continues to function until Mr. Fitzpatrick begin his tenure in Peekskill, Mayor Testa and the Common Council have appointed Marcus Serrano, Comptroller as Interim City Manager. On Monday, February 10, 2003, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Peekskill Common Council will adopt a resolution appointing Mr. Fitzpatrick as City Manager. Mr. Fitzpatrick will be present at the meeting.

Daniel Fitzpatrick comes to Peekskill with over 21 years of experience as a city manager of various communities ranging from Poughkeepsie New York to Oak Park Michigan. Mr. Fitzpatrick has also held various positions in the private sector. Although Mr. Fitzpatrick began his career in the finance department, he has extensive experience in urban and regional planning, economic development, community relations and general municipal administration. He holds masters degrees in public and business administration from the State University of New York at Albany. Mr. Fitzpatrick is also a three-time ICMA (International City/County Management Association) Award winner.

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"My wife and I are looking forward to returning to the Hudson Valley. Professionally, I am grateful to the Peekskill Common Council for the opportunity to follow in the footsteps of former Peekskill city managers I have known, Dave Goodman, Don O'Hara and Joe Seymour," stated Dan Fitzpatrick, incoming City Manager.

"Mr. Fitzpatrick was the unanimous choice of the City Council. He has the qualifications and experience that we were looking for, to help the City of Peekskill move forward. Dan will provide the professional leadership and experience in City Hall that will enable us to implement the initiatives, policies and projects needed to improve our city."

"The Common Council and I were committed to the process of a nationwide professional search for our new City Manager. We were encouraged by the quality of the candidates who responded and to know that we have the "best of the best" coming to Peekskill. This is exciting for us and the community," affirmed Mayor John G. Testa.

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