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All – I am pleased to share the news that Valerie Oorthuys is returning to Stow as our Planning Director. While it will be tough to replace Jesse, welcoming Valerie back with her knowledge of Stow should provide a seamless transition.

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Town of Stow Announces Appointment of Valerie Oorthuys as Planning Director

STOW — Town Administrator Denise Dembkoski announces that Valerie Oorthuys has been appointed as the new Planning Director.

Oorthuys will assume her role on Sept. 12.

Oorthuys holds a Master of Arts in Urban and Environmental Policy and Planning from Tufts University and is certified by the American Institute of Certified Planners.

Oorthuys will return to Stow after serving as the Town Planner in Bolton. She served in Stow as an Assistant Planner and GIS Administrator for four years, and also brings her experience working as a Senior Planner in Wellesley.

"I'm thrilled to have the opportunity to return to Stow and I look forward to continuing the work of the Planning Board," Oorthuys said.

"We are fortunate to have Valerie return to Stow," Town Administrator Dembkoski said. "She understands the town and its many challenges, and will be able to contribute immediately," Town Administrator Dembkoski said.

The current Town Planner, Jesse Steadman, departs on Aug. 1 after 10 years in the role.

"I am so grateful for my experiences as I transition away from the public sector," said Steadman. "Thank you to my wife, Jamie, for supporting our life's vision, to the volunteer Planning Board for its dedication and good spirits, and to the residents who make Stow a special community."

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