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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Jeffrey Demers Nominated as Biddeford's Next Public Works Director City Council to Review for Confirmation**

The Biddeford City Council will be asked to support City Manager James A. Bennett's nomination of Jeffrey Demers to become Biddeford's next Public Works Director. The City Council will consider his nomination as part of their regular Council meeting on Tuesday, February 6, 2018.

"I am pleased to nominate Mr. Demers to this position," shared City Manager Bennett. "As a current member of the Public Works management team and serving as the interim director for the last couple of months, I am confident in his abilities and leadership. Mr. Demers truly understands and appreciates how each department within the city contributes to the overall success of the City. It is always great to be able to promote an employee from within when they are the best qualified candidate for the position."

Mr. Demers has been employed by the City of Biddeford for the past (22) twenty two years and is currently the Acting Director of Public Works and current Assistant Director of Public Works and Wastewater Division. Under his leadership, the Wastewater Division has saved the City hundreds of thousands of dollars through the years. He is also a current member of the Lyman Board of Selectmen where he serves as the Chairperson of that Board.

Mayor Alan Casavant said "choosing Mr. Demers to be the next Public Works Director will be a seamless transition for Department and the City."

Councilor John McCurry added "There is no doubt that Mr. Demers will lead the Biddeford Public Works department into a new era with his strong work ethic, focus and dedication."

Mr. Demers was selected from a candidate pool of 13 applicants and was one of three interviewed for the position. The recommendation for his nomination was made by a diverse committee that included members of elected and appointed officials along with city employees. Once approved by the council, Mr. Demers would begin the duties as full time Public Works Director immediately.