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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Nicholas Desjardins Nominated as Biddeford's Next Assessor** City Council to Review for Confirmation

**BIDDEFORD July 10, 2018** – The Biddeford City Council will be asked to support City Manager James A. Bennett's nomination of Nicholas Desjardins to become Biddeford's next Assessor, a position that is shared with the City of Saco. The City Council will consider his nomination as part of their regular Council meeting on Tuesday, July 17, 2018.

"I am pleased to nominate Mr. Desjardins to this position," said City Manager Bennett. "As a current member of the Assessing Department, Mr. Desjardins has proved his abilities and leadership skills and has a thorough understanding of how the Assessor 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. Desjardins, a Certified Maine Assessor, has been employed by the City of Biddeford for the past 10 years. He currently serves as the Assistant Assessor, where he has provided support to the Assessor in appraising commercial, residential, and personal property.

"Nick has gained a wealth of experience in assessing working as Biddeford's Assistant Assessor," said Mayor Alan Casavant. "The strong work ethic and dedication that he has displayed throughout the years will surely bring him success in his new position."

"Choosing Mr. Desjardins as the next Assessor will be a seamless transition for the Department and the City," Councilor John McCurry added.

In June 2016, the Council voted to employ the City of Biddeford Assessor as a shared assessor for both communities. The collaborative position has increased the efficiencies of each department and fostered a stronger sense of community between the two cities.

"The City of Saco has benefitted significantly from this partnership with the City of Biddeford," said Saco City Administrator Kevin Sutherland. "We look forward to seeing how this relationship continues to grow under Mr. Desjardins' leadership."

Mr. Desjardins was selected from a candidate pool of four applicants and was one of three interviewed for the position. The recommendation for his nomination was made by a diverse committee that included elected officials and City employees from both Biddeford and Saco. Once approved by the Council, Mr. Desjardins would begin the duties of Assessor immediately.

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