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Herbst Names John Marsilio Director of Public Works First Selectman describes selection as having “Innovation, efficiency and goal-driven management”

TRUMBULL - - Trumbull First Selectman Timothy M. Herbst today announced the appointment of John Marsilio as the new Director of Public Works for the Town of Trumbull. “At a time when government must do more with less, John Marsilio adds a visionary blend of public and private sector experience to provide excellent services and infrastructure needs, while seeking revenue growth to keep taxes down,” said Herbst. Marsilio served for 11 years as Director of Public Facilities for the City of Bridgeport, before joining Aquarion Water Company. During his tenure at Aquarion Water Company, Mr. Marsilio was responsible for directing capital planning and purchasing for the company, as well as directing engineering projects and later serving as Director of Government Relations. Marsilio also has advised both Bridgeport officials and other local chief elected officers on matters regarding regional contracts resulting in millions of dollars of savings for the region and adding many millions of dollars in revenue to the City of Bridgeport. His management experience in the public, private and utility sectors offers a unique set of job skills to the Town of Trumbull.

The first selectman highlighted Marsilio’s background as both a public and private sector director as one of the key reasons why he selected Marsilio. Specifically, Herbst singled out Marsilio’s vision to seek state legislation to fully tax the trash-to-energy plant in Bridgeport’s West End that processes trash from a 16-town region. As a result of Marsilio’s insight, the state’s largest city is receiving millions more each year in additional revenue. “As local municipalities deal more and more with unfunded mandates and less state aid, it becomes even more important to have leaders at the local level who develop creative methods to generate revenue at the local level which in turn reduces the tax burden. John has demonstrated an ability to do this and do it well.” The first selectman also cited Marsilio’s recent experience at Aquarion where as Director of Capital Planning, he successfully engaged the development of a long range capital program while reorganizing staff and implementing delivery methods that resulted in sizable efficiencies to the company. “Developing a long term capital plan for the Town

while at the same time identifying operational efficiencies on an ongoing basis is critical. I believe John has a proven track record to help me move Trumbull forward in this regard.”

A search committee appointed by Herbst reviewed the credentials of numerous applicants for the position. The search committee was chaired by Trumbull resident Laura Pulie. Pulie, an engineer for the Town of Fairfield and a member of the Trumbull Water Pollution Control Authority, indicated that at each level of the interviewing process, Marsilio consistently scored the highest among search committee evaluations. “John Marsilio was clearly the top choice of all who interviewed him. His experience in not only municipal public works projects, but also on regional issues facing Trumbull will be a huge asset to the Town,” Pulie stated. Marsilio is highly regarded by Trumbull town residents such as entrepreneur Ernest Trefz and Attorney Daniel Portanova, as well as regional leaders such as Jack McGregor, retired chief executive officer of Aquarion. “I have known John for 20 years and hold him in the highest regard,” said Trefz. “He’s a conscientious worker who takes pride in a job well done.” Attorney Portanova described Marsilio as “an unselfish, unpretentious person of integrity. He uses straight talk, and offers sound advice.”

McGregor added, “John is a reliable, loyal person who understands the big picture. He’s a problem solver with great organizational skills.” As director of Public Facilities in Bridgeport, Marsilio engineered a citywide signage and beautification campaign transforming eyesore property into public parks, and initiated the city’s recycling program. Streets were swept, plowed and paved, trash picked up on time and parks dramatically improved, with constituent requests addressed promptly.

Herbst added: “Innovation, efficiency and goal-driven management with a focus on energy conservation, and regional cooperation will serve the Town of Trumbull well in these trying times.”

John M. Marsilio began his career as a Production Line Planner at Robertshaw Controls of Milford, Connecticut. He later founded M&M Construction Company in 1981. He later joined P.J. Kuchma Construction of Bridgeport as Vice President, later being promoted to President in 1984. Mr. Marsilio holds a B.S. in Business Administration from the University of Bridgeport. He also holds a certificate in management finance from Fairfield University and has studied and been trained in the public administration and urban planning and design programs at Harvard University.