

FIRST SELECTMAN ANNOUNCES THE APPOINTMENT OF NEW PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Current Director of Planning & Economic Development for Washington, DC business improvement district to join Trumbull land use team

March 31, 2012 - First Selectman Timothy M. Herbst announced the appointment of Jamie Bratt as the Town's new Director of Planning & Development. Ms. Bratt will assume her new duties on May 1, 2012. Ms. Bratt currently serves as the Director of Planning & Economic Development for the NoMa Business Improvement District in Washington, DC. The NoMa Business Improvement District is a private non-profit with a \$2 million budget, dedicated to local smart growth and community-building. As Director, Ms. Bratt has been responsible for public realm planning, placemaking, development design review, tenant recruitment and market research. Ms. Bratt also assisted in developing legislation for \$51.5 million in tax increment financing mechanism to fund public parks acquisition and development.

"Jamie has the energy, intellect and work ethic to make an outstanding Director of Planning and Development for the Town of Trumbull," stated First Selectman Herbst. "Throughout the screening process, Jamie shined with a demonstration of knowledge and skills that will serve the Town of Trumbull well. As I indicated in December, updating the Town's Plan of Conservation and Development and continuing on our forward track with positive economic development remains a top priority of my administration. I am confident that Jamie's skill set will serve our overall land use goals well and I look forward to working with her in the months and years ahead."

Ms. Bratt, a native of Pomfret, Connecticut, expressed enthusiasm about joining Trumbull's land use team. "After six years working on planning and development in Washington, DC, I am excited to return to my home state to join the team in Trumbull. I believe Trumbull has the right mix of commercial, residential, educational and recreational uses to thrive as a community of choice in Fairfield County. I look forward to working with local stakeholders and community leaders to help position Trumbull for long-term success."

Ms. Bratt holds a bachelor's degree in economics and ethics from Trinity College and is completing a master's degree from Virginia Tech in Urban and Regional Planning. She earned LEED AP designation from the United States Green Building Council (USGBC). Ms. Bratt is a member of the American Planning Association (APA) and the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC). Ms. Bratt, who is an avid equestrian in her spare time, will be relocating to the area this spring along with her husband, daughter and horse.

The First Selectman indicated that he hopes to appoint the new Director of Economic and Community Development sometime in early April