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City Hires New Community Development Director

Robert Seale will be returning to his North Idaho roots when he becomes the City of Post Falls' new Community Development Director. He will begin work on Dec. 17th.

Born and raised in Hayden, ID, Seale has been working on the East Coast since 2010 in various municipal positions. Since 2015, he served as Director of Planning, Development & Enforcement for the City of Meriden, CT., where he was responsible for overall management of the Planning Department, Housing Code Enforcement and Building Department and staff to seven boards and commissions. While Director in Meriden, Seale successfully streamlined the permitting process and implemented an online application program for Building and Planning Departments, with Housing Code in the works. He was also involved in the redevelopment of Meriden's downtown, which included the redevelopment of a brownfield site into a new, 14-acre park, central to the City's new transit-oriented development district.

Nineteen candidates applied for the Community Development Director position and three finalists with extensive community development experience were interviewed. Starting salary for the position is \$95K.

The positions of Community Development Director and Public Works Director were combined into the Public Services Director in 2008 when the country was entering an economic downturn. It made sense during this slower period of growth to try out a combined position which involved an extensive skillset to cover both Public Works as well Community Development. With the City's rapid growth and infrastructure challenges it made sense to separate the positions again.

“I am excited to join such a committed team, helping to guide the City of Post Falls into the future by implementing its master plan and the vision of the City's future. The City is experiencing rapid growth and I am prepared to take on the challenges that come with it. It is great time to return to North Idaho and to reintegrate myself into the communities that have seen so much change over the past 10-20 years. The opportunities for hiking, biking and boating are endless and combining that with the growth and opportunities available for entertainment and recreation is fantastic. I am excited for the opportunity to return to my Inland Northwest roots and help the City of Post Falls continue to sustainably move into the future for many years to come,” Seale said.

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