

Press Release: Lisbon, NH

The Lisbon Selectmen are pleased to announce the appointment of Dan Merhalski as the new Town Administrator. The Selectmen conducted a nationwide search for the position, following an outpouring of support for the reestablishment of the Town Administrator position at Town Meeting. They unanimously appointed Mr. Merhalski citing his past experience in strategic planning and development, as well as his commitment to fiscal responsibility, responsiveness and transparency.

Merhalski, who currently serves as the Town Manager of Denmark, Maine, brings over 12 years of planning and management experience with him to Lisbon, including direct experience with redevelopment of large derelict complexes for re-use in Salem, Massachusetts; successfully acquiring a \$12 million wastewater treatment plant expansion grant in the Town of Farmington, New Hampshire; and economic development and master planning for the Wampanoag Tribe of Aquinnah, on Martha's Vineyard. He is pleased to be returning to New Hampshire, where he has also worked as the first Town Planner for the Town of Moultonborough.

"I look forward to working with the Selectmen and the residents and business owners in Lisbon to address the multiple challenges that the Town faces," he says, and with an eye to economic development and comprehensive planning, he sees much promise for Lisbon. "It's a community with a rich history and a lot of potential. I look forward to working cooperatively with the Selectmen, residents and the business community to help Lisbon grow and maintain a fiscally responsible town government, while retaining the services that the community values so highly."

A key part of that cooperation begins with gathering input from the community and Dan will continue his open door policy to invite residents and business leaders to call or stop by his office anytime to share their thoughts and concerns.

Mr. Merhalski holds a Master of Public Administration degree from Northern Michigan University as well as a Master's Degree in History from Salem State College. He lives with his wife and baby daughter in the Oxford Hills.

The new Town Administrator will begin working with the Town on August 3rd.