

# Planner's departure means loss of 'great asset'

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Marshfield Town Planner Angus Jennings submitted his resignation last night.

Jennings said he has accepted a job as principal planner with Concord Square Development Co., a Boston real estate development and consulting firm that specializes in housing. The company was influential in creation of the state's Smart Growth housing legislation, which passed last June.

Jennings said his joining the firm is indicative of the company's intention to move into municipal consulting.

His Marshfield resignation takes effect June

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30. He said he will work with the planning board over the next few weeks to help it seek his successor and plan for the transition associated with his departure.

Jennings was hired as town planner in August 2001, not long after he received a master's degree in planning from Cornell University.

Before attending Cornell, Jennings worked for a year in Baltimore, Md., as a paralegal for the antitrust division of the Department of Justice. He followed that with a year as a planning assistant in the city's planning department. He graduated from Trinity College in Hartford in

1997 with a bachelor's degree in philosophy and sociology.

In addition to working with the planning board, he has served as an adviser to the open space committee and the affordable housing partnership.

Jennings was instrumental in the creation of a planned mixed-use development district near the town's high school. A Roche Brothers grocery store, additional stores and offices, and an assisted-living facility are to be built there.

Jennings has been a driving force in the town's efforts to revitalize the downtown area and redesign Route 139.

He also drafted language for a one-year

moratorium on construction on Telegraph Hill. The moratorium was intended to give the town time to solve a serious drainage problem on the hill. Town meeting approved the moratorium this spring, but its constitutionality has not been tested.

"Working in town hall every day for the past four years, and spending many of those evenings talking with neighborhood and citizen organizations has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life," Jennings said in a written statement. "I will always value the time that I have spent here and the many people whose friendships I hope to share for the rest of my life."

"You will be sorely missed," planning board

Chairwoman Karen Horne said. "You've been a great asset to the town. I don't see what we're going to do. I guess we'll muddle through."

"Angus has been the best town planner the town of Marshfield could hope to have," board member Roger Dashner said.

Horne said her board would aim to have a new town planner in place by September.

"He'll really be missed," Town Administrator John Clifford said. "He has been a great asset to the town. He had a really bold vision. Marshfield was fortunate to get someone with his credentials when we hired him."

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