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Well done, Angus

With a name like Angus, we have to admit we've made a few jokes about planning "beefs" over the years.

We've seen him get "grilled" more than once, and wondered on the rare occasion when we couldn't reach him in the office if he was "steaking" out a new development.

Bad puns aside, as Marshfield's knowledgeable, articulate and always accessible Town Planner moves on to a new job in the private sector, we want to take the opportunity to thank Angus Jennings for his good work on behalf of the community and wish him well.

Jennings has always been able to help clarify complex planning issues for the public and the press and has taken great pride, and rightfully so, in helping to bring people together over even very controversial matters. He has played a key role in the successful development of the Planned Mixed Use Development site across from the high school complex and has worked diligently to bring the town closer to revamping and revitalizing the downtown.

There is, of course, more work to be done when it comes to Marshfield center, but during Jennings' tenure many positive developments have taken place downtown.

The establishment of the open space committee and the housing partnership, two groups of hard-working dedicated individuals working assure Marshfield preserves green space and creates housing in ways that work for the community, is another development Jennings is proud of and believes bodes well for the future of the town.

In his new job, he will work with communities on smart growth — an issue near and dear to his heart, and one he says Marshfield officials should consider as the downtown renewal and development moves forward.

At just 30, Jennings has a lot of planning years ahead of him. He said he has learned a lot from his experience in Marshfield. And Marshfield has been fortunate to have been able to share the vision of this young visionary.

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