



TOWN OF STRATFORD

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Susan Collier Appointed Finance Director

STRATFORD— Mayor John A. Harkins today announced his appointment of Susan Collier as Finance Director for the Town of Stratford. Ms. Collier was appointed Assistant Finance Director in July 2007 and assumed the role of Acting Finance Director upon the commencement of Mayor Harkins's term.

“In searching for a Finance Director, my chief concern was to appoint an individual who would always put the interests of Stratford taxpayers first,” said Mayor Harkins. “That individual was right in front of me since the moment I became Mayor. As Acting Finance Director, Sue filled a critical void by helping me through a challenging transition and my first budget proposal. Over the last several months, Sue has proven not only that she possesses the skills and knowledge necessary to manage the Town's finances, but that she puts our community's interests above all else each and every day. She is a wealth of institutional knowledge, the consummate professional, and someone whose advice I am able to trust. I am fortunate to have Sue in my Administration, and Stratford taxpayers are lucky to have her working on their behalf.”

Susan Collier is a lifelong resident of Lordship, where she currently resides with her husband, Daniel Cox, and their two children.

Mayor Harkins said that Collier's commitment to addressing the Town's long-term pension, healthcare, and other liabilities will be pivotal in his efforts to reform town government. “Throughout the budget process, Sue has been a tireless advocate for fully funding the Town's long-term obligations in the name of honesty and fiscal responsibility. As I work to reduce these operating expenses and reform the way we do business in Town Hall, I will have a Finance Director at my side who possesses the toughness and passion necessary to implement the change Stratford residents deserve and make this community more affordable for residents and businesses alike.”

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