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The Portsmouth Water and Fire District has hired Jessica C. Lynch, as its new general manager and chief engineer to replace William J. McGlinn, the current manager, who is retiring at the end of October, after twenty-nine years of service with the District.

Lynch, 35, is a registered professional engineer in Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Connecticut. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of New Hampshire and a Master's Degree in Civil Engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute. Lynch has been a project engineer and project manager for thirteen years with CDM Smith, a consulting engineering firm, of Providence, RI.

Lynch, a Portsmouth native and member of the PHS Class of 2000, was hired by the District's Administrative Board after a two-month search. Lynch will be training with McGlinn and will take over as the general manager and chief engineer upon his retirement.

Philip T. Driscoll, Chairman of the Administrative Board, indicated that Lynch was chosen for her substantial experience in water distribution and water treatment design. In her former position with CDM Smith, she managed over twelve water and wastewater projects for the City of Brockton, MA, with contracts ranging from \$50,000 to \$1.1 million. Additionally, she worked with various municipalities, regulatory agencies, lawyers, contractors, vendors and other consulting firms on a variety of environmental engineering projects. Driscoll also indicated that Lynch comes highly recommended by her professional colleagues.

Lynch currently resides in town with her husband and her two young children. She enjoyed working for CDM Smith but when the opportunity arose to apply to Portsmouth Water and Fire District as general manager and chief engineer it was not something she could pass up. Lynch said, "The

opportunity to work in the town I love, close to family, doing something I am passionate about does not come around too often, and for me is a once in a lifetime opportunity. I am excited to take my experience in consulting and my passion for the water industry and use it to manage the utility that is so vital to the town”.

Lynch, started working for the District on June 13th under a three year employment contract.

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