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PressRelease

Mayor Announces Extended Permitting Hours in Building Division for Homeowners.

Pilot Program Designed by Department of Permitting and Land Use Will Benefit Homeowners with Prior Approvals Already Obtained; Evening Hours to Begin Wednesday, February 3rd.

Milford, CT, February 2, 2010: To accommodate homeowners who cannot visit the Building Division during their workdays, Mayor James L. Richetelli, Jr. has announced the extension of permitting hours on Wednesday evenings, beginning on February 3, 2010.

“This is an important step forward in improving customer service and efficiency,” Mayor Richetelli said of the extended hours on Wednesdays from 4:30 to 7 p.m. “The continuing reform of the permitting process – as laid out in the recommendations of the Kimball Report Implementation Team – is one of the highest priorities for me.”

Among the recommendations that were unanimously adopted in a bipartisan vote of the Board of Aldermen was the establishment of a new Department of Permitting and Land Use (DPLU) to streamline and oversee the permitting process. The DPLU is responsible for the overall administration of the Building, Planning and Zoning, and Inland Wetlands divisions. The Interim Director of DPLU is Douglas Novak.

Director Novak explained that the extended hours are for homeowners only who have all of their departmental approvals prior to the new evening hours. During extended hours, Director Novak noted that the Building Division will not accept plans for major projects so inspectors can focus on the projects of homeowners, who typically cannot make it to the City office during the day. Other than the Building Division, no other DPLU divisions will be open during the new evening hours.

“We will closely monitor the effectiveness of this pilot program, in the hope that it produces a positive impact for the City,” said Director Novak.