



Photo by Jack Kennealy

## Town Manager McGovern honored for 25 years of service

"Ultimately what makes this such a great community to work for is the active and involved citizenry," said Town Manager Michael McGovern. He must mean it since he has served the town now for 25 years.

McGovern was recognized for his 25 years of contributions to the town at the June 9 meeting of the Town Council.

Town Councilors current and past – pictured at [redacted] in the commemorative photo taken by Jack Kennealy – joined family,

friends and other well-wishers from the community at the surprise recognition ceremony.

"I don't often get caught completely by surprise," said McGovern. He was given a standing ovation at the start of the council meeting.

Jack Roberts presented McGovern with a chair emblazoned with the town seal. The chair is traditionally given to town employees after 25 years of service, but this one

also had McGovern's name engraved on the back. It was a final act as council chairman for Roberts, who later handed the gavel over to Councilor Ann Swift-Kayatta, elected chair for the coming year.

McGovern was hired as assistant to the town manager in May of 1978 and became manager in May of 1985 after John Henchey's retirement.

"No one is a better ambassador of the community than Mike is," said Roberts.

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