A Message from the Chair

Dear Friends of the Waterfront,

Welcome to 2019! This year promises to be yet another significant year of progress in the Cochecho Waterfront Redevelopment effort.

After a frenzy of activity last spring, the Term Sheet Negotiation Subcommittee has been monitoring the progress of the negotiations between city staff and Cathartes, the selected developer. As of this writing, it appears the Term Sheet is nearing finalization. Once this document is reviewed and accepted by the city, design and permitting will begin for the initial phases of the project construction.

Dana C. Lynch, Chair

Beth Fischer newest member of CWDAC

In August 2018, CWDAC member Robbie Woodburn submitted her resignation letter to the Committee. Robbie is a local landscape architect and was asked to be part of the development team for Cathartes, necessitating her stepping down. Robbie was a valuable member since January 2016 and one of the primary contributors to the updated Waterfront Design Guidelines.

To fill the vacancy, Dana Lynch, Chair, reached out to a well-known
Beth Fischer was appointed as a new member to CWDAC in September 2018.

Lynch stated that, "Beth brings a vested interest in the welfare of this community, as exhibited through her years of volunteerism, as well as a working knowledge of the real estate markets. We are thrilled to have her on board."

Bluff removal to be expanded

The city has decided to expand the bluff removal footprint to provide an additional 16,000 square feet for waterfront development. The expanded bluff removal will provide added flexibility for the location of buildings and 17,500 cubic yards of construction material the city can use to build roads and install utilities on site. The rock will be processed by Severino Trucking into several sizes of material and stockpiled on site. The City Council approved a resolution for the funding for the additional work on Nov. 14, 2018.

As part of the bluff removal expansion, the city applied for and received an amended Alteration of Terrain Permit from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services on Dec. 19, 2018.

The blasting on the bluff began in August after taking the summer off. In March, the blasting will cease again for environmental reasons. This project is anticipated to be completed by the end of September 2019.

Negotiations on term sheet proceeding well

Since being selected as the preferred developer for the waterfront in June 2018, Cathartes has been undertaking various steps in the due diligence process. This includes conducting negotiations with city staff on the content of a term sheet, a document that sets forth an agreement for the sale of parcels to Cathartes.

City staff and representatives of Cathartes have met in person on six occasions and had numerous communications via telephone calls and e-mails. It is anticipated that a draft term sheet will be ready to bring
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"... [T]o provide a vibrant waterfront with public gathering places and access to the water, a place for people to live, meet, relax, encounter nature, conduct business and learn of Dover's past."

Missed the meeting? Catch it here

The Cochecho Waterfront Development Advisory Committee last met on Tuesday, November 27, 2018.

To view the meeting online, click here.