

TOWN OF ERVING

Meeting of the SELECT BOARD / WATER COMMISSIONERS

To be held at the Senior & Community Center
1 CARE DRIVE, ERVING, MASSACHUSETTS 01344

Jacob A. Smith, Chair
Scott Bastarache
James Loynd
Select Board

Bryan Smith
Town Administrator

Meeting Agenda Monday, April 22, 2024

This meeting is open to the public.

Scheduled Business

<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda Item</i>
6:30 PM	Call to Order

Old Business

<i>Agenda Item</i>	<i>Section</i>

New Business

<i>Agenda Item</i>	<i>Section</i>
Review of Meeting Minutes: January 03, 2022 1
Review & Issuance of Solicitation Permit- Chet Dube 2
Discussion of Plow Truck Loss & Procurement 3
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Discussion Regarding 604b Keyup Brook Grant Proposal & Letter of Support 5
Discussion Regarding Former IP Mill Procurement Status 6
Review of Letter of Resignation- Conservation Commission- Carolyn Berg 7
Review & Potential Appointment- Conservation Commission Vacancy- Marty Garcia 8
Discussion Regarding Use of Speed Control Devices on North & Church Streets 9

Other Business

Signing of the Treasury Warrant

Anticipated Next Meeting Dates

Monday, May 06, 2024	Wednesday, May 08, 2024
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Note: These agenda items and estimated times are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may be brought up for discussion. Estimated agenda times may need to be changed on the night of the meeting for the sake of expediency. Section numbers correspond to agenda packets and are not an indication of the order of the agenda

Town of Erving

Select Board Public Meeting Participation Guidance

The Select Board welcomes residents to communicate questions, comments or concerns. Participants at Select Board meetings are notified that the meetings are both video and audio recorded, and comments provided will become part of the record. While offering public input, it is important that the Select Board is also allowed enough time to conduct their other business. The following guidelines have been established to make the best use of time at Select Board meetings.

1. To request time on the Select Board agenda, persons must contact the Town Administrator at (413) 422-2800, Ext.1102 or at SBRequests@erving-ma.gov by noon on the Tuesday before the meeting.
 - a. Requests will be submitted to the Chairperson for consideration and scheduling.
 - b. Supporting documentation related to the request must be provided to the Administrator's office by noon on the Thursday prior to the meeting. The Chairperson may remove requested agenda topics that are made without supporting documentation.
2. The Select Board encourages public participation as follows:
 - a. Town residents can bring comments before the Select Board that require discussion and are on the agenda, only after being recognized by the Chair. If your issue is not on the agenda, you may bring it up under "Future agenda items".
 - b. "Topics not anticipated" should be brought to the Chair for possible consideration prior to the meeting.
 - c. Please try to keep your comments short and to the point.
 - d. If it appears that the topic(s) being discussed will consume longer than the time allocated then, at the discretion of the Chair, the matter will be placed on an upcoming Select Board meeting agenda.
 - e. If you believe that your topic will require more time or desire to make a more formal presentation than is allowed under these guidelines, please contact the Town Administrator to ask to be put on a future agenda so that we can properly allocate enough time.
 - f. You are free to ask questions or to make your point for all to consider. However, engaging in active debate with Select Board or audience members will not be allowed.
 - g. All comments and questions must be directed to the Chair of the Select Board per MGL Chapter 30A, Section 20(g).
 - h. Participants are expected to speak from the presenter/guest table.
3. Employees and Board members who have business with the Select Board should be placed on the agenda beforehand (see Item # 1.).
4. Anyone wishing to contact the Select Board in writing may do so at:

Town of Erving, Attn: Select Board, 12 East Main Street, Erving, Massachusetts 01344

Alternatively, members of the public can complete a Select Board submission form at the meeting sign in table and office staff member will follow up.

The Select Board appreciates your cooperation in honoring these guidelines.

From Massachusetts Attorney General Official Website

What public participation in meetings must be allowed?

Under the Open Meeting Law, the public is permitted to attend meetings of public bodies but is excluded from an executive session that is called for a valid purpose listed in the law. Any member of the public also has a right to make an audio or video recording of an open session of a public meeting. A member of the public who wishes to record a meeting must first notify the Chair and must comply with reasonable requirements regarding audio or video equipment established by the chair so as not to interfere with the meeting. The Chair is required to inform other attendees of such recording at the beginning of the meeting.

While the public is permitted to attend an open meeting, an individual may not address the public body without permission of the Chair. An individual is not permitted to disrupt a meeting of a public body, and at the request of the Chair, all members of the public shall be silent. If after clear warning, a person continues to be disruptive, the Chair may order the person to leave the meeting, and if the person does not leave, the Chair may authorize a constable or other officer to remove the person.



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Department of Police

71 French King Highway

Erving, Massachusetts 01344

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April 9, 2024

Select Board

Jacob Smith, Chair

Scott Bastarache

James Loynd

Town Administrator Smith

Dear Select Board,

I received a request for a solicitation permit. The applicant is Chet Dube. Mr. Dube is seeking permission to solicit for Solarize New England out of Leominster Massachusetts. Attached you will find the application which has been completed and a fee of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) has been received.

Mr. Dube has been issued solicitation permits in the past with Erving. Mr. Dube also provided Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Standards Hawker / Peddler license, which is attached.

Respectfully,

Robert L. Holst

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert L. Holst", is written over the typed name.

Chief of Police

TOWN OF ERVING, MASSACHUSETTS
POLICE DEPARTMENT

SOLICITATION
PACKAGE



TOWN BY-LAW
RULES AND REGULATIONS
APPLICATION

October 13, 2004

Rules & Regulations

Town of Erving, Massachusetts Solicitation By-Law

1. Every person desiring to engage in soliciting within this Town must fill out an application.
2. The application must be made seven (7) days prior to desired solicitation date.
3. Applicant must truly state all information on application.
4. Fee for soliciting is \$25.00 per solicitor.
5. Solicitor shall keep on his or her person the Certificate of Registration to Solicit in the Town of Erving.
6. Time limit for soliciting: prior to 9:00 a.m. or after 9:00 p.m. of any weekday, or at any time on a Sunday, or on a State or National Holiday.
7. If a resident has a card or sign exhibited up or near the main entrance door to the residence reading "**NO SOLICITORS INVITED**", the solicitor will immediately and peacefully depart without disturbing the occupant.
8. If requested by a resident to depart, the solicitor will do so immediately.
9. Any person who violates this By-Law may be arrested without a warrant in the place where the offense is committed.

APPLICATION FOR SOLICITATION

Town of Erving, Massachusetts

Applicant Name: CHEY A. DUBE Date of Birth: 03/24/75

Present Residential Address: 67 W. MOUNTAIN ROAD, BERNARDSTON, MA 01337

Present Business Address: _____

Phone Number: (413) 461-8020

Name, address and phone number of person, firm or corporation or association whom the applicant is employed by or represents:
SOLARIZE NEW ENGLAND, LEOMINSTER, MA (978) 413-7403

Purpose of Solicitation: SOLAR INSTALLATIONS

Description sufficient for identification of the subject matter of the soliciting in which the applicant will engage:
SOLAR-AS-A-SERVICE POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENTS (PPA) UTILITY BILL COST REDUCTION

Names of Magazines, Journals or Books: _____

Proposed method of operation: DOOR-TO-DOOR + NETWORKING

Period of time which the Certificate of Solicitation is applied (not to exceed twelve (12) month period):
I WILL RENEW IN 12 MONTHS

Date or approximate date of any application for this Certificate under this ordinance, if any:
4/15/24 - 4/15/25

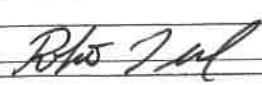
Has any Certificate of Solicitation ever been issued under this ever been revoked? NO
If so, explain why: _____

Have you ever been convicted of a violation of a felony under the laws of this state or any other State or Federal Law of the United States? NO

I hereby acknowledge that I have read the RULES & REGULATIONS and the BY-LAW and will abide by these regulations.

 Signature CHEY A. DUBE Print Name

Signed under the penalties of perjury this TUES day of APRIL, 2024, at 1:00 o'clock a.m. / (p.m.)

Received Date and Time: <u>4/9/24 4pm</u>	Received by: <u>Robert L. Holst</u>
Selectmen Approval Signature: _____	Date: _____
Chief of Police Approval Signature: <u></u>	Date: <u>4/9/24</u>

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Division of Standards

Hawker / Peddler

CHET ANTHONY DUBE
67 W. MOUNTAIN ROAD
BERNARDSTON MA 01337

2025

License No: HP0126752

Date of Issue: April 5, 2024

Date of Expiration: April 5, 2025



COMMISSIONER
DIVISION OF STANDARDS

This license is not transferable

For current status visit www.mass.gov/





Certificate of Registration

Town of Erving, Massachusetts
Solicitation By-Law

On this 22nd day of April, 2024, the Erving Select Board hereby grants Chet A. Dube

Permission to solicit within the Town of Erving. This applicant represents Solarize New England and is hereby allowed to solicit the following, door to door: Solar-as-a-service power purchase agreements, solar installations, networking.

This permit is valid from April 22, 2024 to April 15, 2025, unless sooner suspended or revoked.

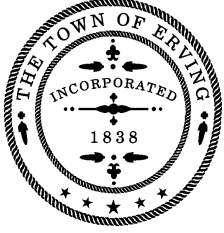
Erving Select Board

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Jacob A. Smith, Chair

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Robert Holst, Chief of Police



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April 19, 2024

To: Select Board

From: Bryan Smith, Town Administrator
CC: Glenn McCrory, Highway Superintendent

RE: Plow Truck Loss & Procurement

On April 4, 2024, the Town's Highway Department experienced a loss of the new 2023 plow truck due to a fire. The truck experienced an issue while being used for plowing. Luckily the operator observed the smell of smoke and was able to safely stop and exit the vehicle before the fire was visible and eventually consumed the cab. First and foremost, the operator is safe, for which we are extremely grateful. The cause of the fire is assumed to be electrical in nature, but an official determination by the investigator has not been completed. The appraiser for the Town's insurance company has deemed the vehicle to be a complete loss.

Concerned with the availability of inventory, I have proactively issued a request for quotes using the State contract VEH110. The State Contract currently has three (3) vendors listed that can provide the F550 plow truck and necessary upfit. The request for quotes has been sent to all three vendors with a requested response date of April 22, 2024.

I have reviewed the situation with the Town Accountant. The Division of Local Services has issued a recent Local Finance Opinion on how to handle proceeds from an insurance claim and for procurements, under MGL c. 44 § 53. The Town can proceed with the replacement of the plow truck, using the proceeds from an insurance claim, as long as the amount is less than \$150,000, without further appropriation. The purchase price of the truck was approximately \$120,000 so I anticipate these allowances to be sufficient. I have attached the Local Finance Opinion of the Division for your review.

Once the quotes are received, I will prepare them for your review.



Local Finance Opinion

LFO 2024-1
February 2024

TOPIC: Insurance and Restitution Proceeds

ISSUE: Accounting treatment of fire or physical damage insurance policy proceeds or restitution received for damage to city, town or district property

This Local Finance Opinion (LFO) addresses questions relating to (1) the accounting treatment of money received by a city, town or district under an insurance policy or as restitution for damage to its property and (2) the availability of the money for expenditure. This LFO supersedes LFO 2018-2 and any prior inconsistent statements.

1. What is the general rule related to the receipt of money by a city, town or district officer or department?

All money received or collected from any source by a city, town or district belongs to its general fund and can only be spent after appropriation unless a general or special law provides an exception, *i.e.*, expressly restricts use for a particular purpose or allows expenditure without appropriation. [G.L. c. 44 § 53](#). Additionally, under ordinary municipal finance laws and accounting standards established by the Director of Accounts, the availability of any receipts or collections for appropriation depends in large measure on when they are received. [G.L. c. 59 § 23](#). If received between July 1 and the setting of the tax rate, they can be treated as estimated receipts to support an appropriation from the levy before the rate is set for the proposed purpose. If received later or not budgeted as part of the tax rate, they are not available for appropriation until after the close of the fiscal year and certification by the Director as free cash.

2. Is there an exception to the general rule for insurance or restitution proceeds?

Yes. Pursuant to [G.L. c. 44, § 53](#), money received under the terms of a fire or physical damage insurance policy or received in restitution for damage done to city, town or district property may be spent by the department or officer having control of the property for its restoration or replacement with the approval of the chief executive officer of the municipality or district. No appropriation is required to spend the proceeds for that purpose. Restitution proceeds include, but are not limited to, court-ordered money or money received under relevant agreements or settlements. Additionally, municipalities may spend for this purpose in advance of monies being received. However, whether municipalities spend the money when received or in advance of receipt, this exception only applies where the total amount for the insurance claim or restitution is \$150,000 or less. In the case of spending in advance of receipt, if the monies are not received by the close of the fiscal year after the fiscal year in which the damage occurred, the municipality must report the same in the determination of the applicable annual tax rate or otherwise make provision therefor.

Additionally, the department or officer must spend the proceeds to restore or replace the damaged property on or before June 30 of the fiscal year in which the proceeds are received, or 120 days after receipt, whichever is later. [G.L. c. 44 § 53](#). Upon receipt, the accounting officer must establish an account for the proceeds. If the department or officer does not spend the proceeds, *i.e.*, incur a contractual liability, for the restoration or replacement of the property within that time frame, the accounting officer must close any unspent or unencumbered balance to the general fund.

For example, a fire damages the town's Department of Public Works (DPW) storage shed on February 1 and the insurance company is set to pay the town \$25,000 on its claim for the damage on May 1. Because the amount of the fire insurance proceeds is \$150,000 or less, the DPW can spend the \$25,000, with the approval of the chief executive officer, to repair or replace the shed either immediately, in advance of the monies being received, or once the monies are received on May 1. No appropriation is needed, but the DPW can only spend the proceeds for this specific purpose and must do so on or before June 30 of the fiscal year the town received payment on its claim, or 120 days after receipt, whichever is later. Any unspent or unencumbered money at the end of that time period will close to the general fund. If monies were spent in advance of receipt and monies were not received by the close of the fiscal year after the fiscal year in which the damage occurred, the municipality must report the same in the determination of the applicable annual tax rate or otherwise make provision therefor.

Moneys received as reimbursement for economic loss do not receive similar preferential treatment under [G.L. c. 44 § 53](#). In addition, revenue cannot be credited to an appropriation. Therefore, if an existing appropriation was used to finance the repair or replacement of the property, the insurance or restitution proceeds are credited to the general fund.

3. How should accounting officers treat the receipt of insurance or restitution proceeds in excess of \$150,000?

The Director of Accounts establishes accounting standards for municipalities and districts and determines available funds in accordance with those accounting standards. [G.L. c. 44, § 38](#); [G.L. c. 59, § 23](#). The Director has determined that where the total amount received for the insurance claim or restitution is more than \$150,000, the proceeds may be reserved for appropriation during the fiscal year received for the purpose of restoring or replacing the damaged property. These proceeds may be the only or a significant financing source for the repair or replacement of the damaged property. Depending on when received, however, the municipality or district might have to wait for a considerable period of time before it could repair or replace the damaged property.

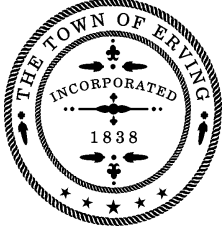
Because [G.L. c. 44, § 53](#) establishes insurance and restitution proceeds as a class of receipts that may be spent for a particular purpose without first being certified as free cash, the Director has determined that money received for an insurance claim or restitution in an amount greater than \$150,000 is available for appropriation for that restricted purpose until June 30. The accounting officer should establish a receipt reserved for appropriation account and credit the proceeds to that account. Any proceeds not appropriated by the legislative body by June 30 to repair or replace the damaged property close to the general fund. In the ordinary course, the proceeds would then become part of the free cash certified by the Director as of the following July 1 and once certified, may be appropriated for any lawful purpose.

Note, however, that if the proceeds are received on or before March 31, and the municipality or district wants to appropriate them for a purpose other than to repair or replace the damaged property, it may request that the Director update its free cash certified as of the previous July 1 to include the unappropriated proceeds and make them available for appropriation for the other purpose on or before June 30.

Kenneth M. Woodland

Kenneth M. Woodland, Chief
Bureau of Municipal Finance Law

KMW: BNO



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April 19, 2024

To: Select Board

From: Bryan Smith, Town Administrator

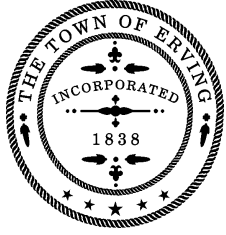
Cc: Peter Sanders, Wastewater & Water Superintendent

RE: Maple Avenue PFAS

The Town is working with Tighe & Bond on the annual post-closure monitoring of the Maple Avenue Landfill. As part of this process, the Town, through its vendors, conducts water sampling with three (3) adjacent properties. In this most current round of testing requirements, you will remember that the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) required testing and reporting for PFAS which expanded the anticipated scope of services that Tighe & Bond provides for this work.

Test results from the samples were recently received and one (1) of the three (3) sample sites identified trace levels of PFAS that required reporting to the property owner and MassDEP. The other test results were to acceptable limits and the results have been shared with property owners. To better understand the PFAS result, MassDEP has required the Town to conduct a second round of sampling and lab test of the site. I have authorized Tighe & Bond to proceed with that work. Once the test results are received, we will convey them to MassDEP and the property owner. In the meantime, the Town has provided the property owner with potable water.

Until the results of the second round of testing are received, currently, there are no further actions for the Town to take. Once the results are received and understood and we have the opportunity to meet with MassDEP, we can advise what, if any, next steps the Town should take.



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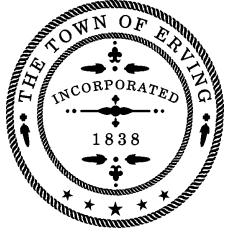
April 18, 2024

To: Select Board
From: Bryan Smith, Town Administrator

Re: FRCOG's Application for a 604B Water Quality Management Planning Grant for Keyup Brook

As we have previously discussed, the Planning Department at the Franklin Regional Council of Governments has agreed to work with the Town to continue to study the Keyup Brook, and to work with community members and regulatory agencies to identify best management practices (BMP) and strategies that the Town could explore with property owners to improve the health of Keyup Brook and to protect properties from the erosion that has been experienced in recent years. FRCOG has offered to apply to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection's Nonpoint Source ("NPS") Management Section in the Watershed Planning Program ("WPP"), Bureau of Water Resources ("BWR") for a planning grant that would build on the previous study and prepare an action plan with BMP's that the Town can pursue.

The application period for the Water Quality Management Planning Grant program closes on Wednesday, May 8, 2024. If we would like FRCOG to proceed, the Town should provide letters of support for the project stating our need and willingness to support the project. A draft support letter is included for your consideration and review. We can make any changes that you see fit.



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April 22, 2024

Meghan Selby, 604(b) Grant Coordinator
Nonpoint Source Management Section
MassDEP - Watershed Planning Program
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900
Boston, Massachusetts 02114

Dear Ms. Selby:

The Town of Erving enthusiastically supports the application by the Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG) for a 604(b) Water Quality Management Planning Grant to fund a project for the Keyup Brook Watershed combining elements of Water Quality Assessment, Climate Resiliency Water Quality Planning, and Development of Implementation Plans.

The Keyup Brook is a defining feature of Erving Center, our Town's civic center and second largest village. The brook flows directly through the village on its way to the Millers River, passing close to roads, homes, commercial and historic buildings, and through Riverfront Park. It is used by the community for recreation and fishing. The brook is listed for E. coli and is experiencing significant fluvial erosion during heavy storms, which adds large amounts of sediment to the brook. In July 2021, during a significant storm, the Town lost a bridge over the brook and homeowners in the lower watershed experienced flooding of their properties with damage to retaining walls. The 4,545-acre watershed is predominantly undeveloped, making it possible to restore water quality and keep it that way. Stormwater management strategies in the lower watershed are needed to control pollutant loading to the brook, and stream restoration to reduce erosion in the middle and upper watershed is needed for both water quality restoration and climate resilience in our community.

Given these two major pollutant concerns, the Town of Erving is fully committed to investigating the causes of the erosion and identifying both upland and urban best management practices (BMPs) for managing stormwater. FRCOG's proposed project will provide the analysis needed to understand erosion occurring in the brook and identify upland restoration opportunities. It is also needed to further develop concepts for urban stormwater BMPs identified in the Keyup Brook Watershed-Based Plan. This project should key up a number of potential projects for s.319 Implementation funds and Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) program action grants.

Thank you for your consideration of FRCOG's proposal. We look forward to your support of this

project.

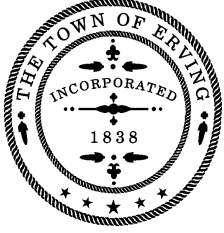
Sincerely,

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April 19, 2024

To: Select Board

From: Bryan Smith, Town Administrator

RE: Former IP Mill Site Redevelopment RFP Procurement & Potential Next Steps

On February 07, 2024, the Select Board released a request for proposals (RFP) for the redevelopment of the former International Papermill site, with an original submission deadline of March 21, 2024. Throughout the process, the Town issued six (6) addenda, conducted three (3) optional site visits, and amended the submission deadline to April 8, 2024.

As of the submission deadline, the Town only received one response. The response is from the Hancock Academy, which is attached for your review. While the submission was received by the deadline, the submission does not include the statutorily required forms and attestations, as well as the requested project development explanation that is outlined in the RFP document. I have spoken with a representative of the Hancock Academy, and they acknowledge this. I have informed the representative that my recommendation to the Select Board will have to be to formally reject the proposal as non-responsive and to fail the procurement process.

With that said, this is another potential partner that is interested in operating in Erving at the site. The Select Board is limited, statutorily, as to how we can make real property available, unlike an Economic Development Industrial Corporation (EDIC). We have had several small businesses express interest in locating in Erving and at this site, but the scale of this project is beyond what they can do alone. Pursuing an EDIC through special legislation may be prudent.

I have provided MassDevelopment with an update on the status of the procurement as well as the request for demolition funding on the Annual Town Meeting warrant. MassDevelopment is encouraging the pursuit of demolition funding and, if appropriated, suggests reissuing the RFP with the availability of funding to support the site demolition. I have included MassDevelopment's communication for your review.



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April 2, 2024

Bryan Smith, Town Administrator
Town of Erving
12 East Main Street
Erving, Massachusetts 01344

Re: RFP 20240207- IP Mill Redevelopment

Dear Mr. Smith:

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to express my sincerest gratitude for your valuable information regarding the town-owned parcel on Papermill Road. The details shared during our conversations with Mariah have greatly helped the decision-making process for Hancock Academy's expansion plans.

Having thoroughly considered the options, we are excited to express our keen interest in utilizing the aforementioned parcel as an Innovation Center for Hancock Academy. This location aligns perfectly with our vision to provide students with a state-of-the-art facility to explore creative and innovative ideas, promote interdisciplinary learning, and engage in collaborative projects essential for their future success.

However, we would like to acknowledge the current financial constraints and the lack of necessary infrastructure to undertake such a project independently. As a responsible institution, we fully understand the importance of fiscal stability and prudent resource management. Given these challenges, we are committed to exploring alternative approaches to acquire the building and land, should they be available.

We would welcome collaborating with the Town of Erving to explore potential partnerships or grant opportunities to make the Innovation Center a reality. By combining our collective resources and expertise, we believe we can create a mutually beneficial arrangement that will not only uplift our community's educational landscape but also pave the way for future cooperative endeavors.



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Mailing: 32 Townsend Terrace, Framingham, MA 01701
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As we move forward, we look forward to discussing potential strategies for securing the necessary funding, engaging in impactful community outreach, and addressing the town's concerns. We aim to establish a transparent and collaborative relationship, ensuring that the Innovation Center becomes a cornerstone of educational and economic growth in the Town of Erving.

Once again, I express my deepest gratitude for your assistance thus far and willingness to support our endeavors. I kindly request your guidance in the following steps and any assistance you can provide in exploring the aforementioned alternative approaches. I believe that with your support, we can bring this vision to fruition, benefiting the students of Hancock Academy and the entire community.

Please feel free to contact me to arrange a meeting at your convenience. I eagerly await the opportunity to discuss this matter further and jointly contribute to the success of our community.

Sincerely,

Randy Scott
President and CEO
Hancock Academy
randy.scott@ Hancockacademy.org
603.401.3092



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Empowering the future for skilled Tradespeople

Our Mission

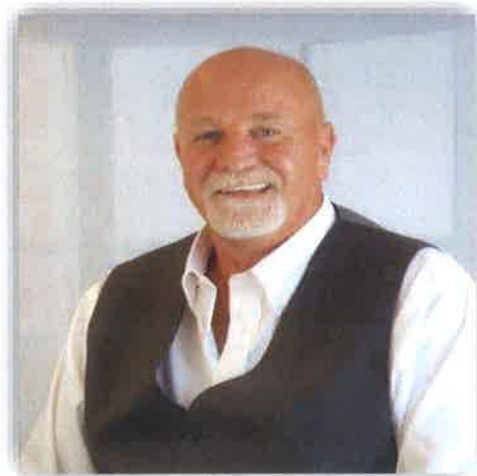
Hancock Academy is a strong and diverse collaborative of corporations, businesses, and trade schools. Our mission is to engage and support a new generation of skilled tradespeople that can empower the workforce of the future. This will be done by creating facilities that will strategically act as an incubator to focus on the three largest problems we face in construction- ***Workforce, Diversity, and Sustainability.***

Our Priority

We will construct a ***"Path of Opportunity"*** for every individual to have access to the resources needed for success, inspiring young people of all different backgrounds to enter and flourish in the trades. We will generate revenue from surplus goods, donations, and community funding to provide financial assistance to individuals entering the trades. Hancock Academy intends to build a vibrant economy, community, and a more sustainable environment.

"The more people who own little businesses of their own, the safer our country will be, and the better off its cities and towns; for the people who have a stake in their country and their community are its best citizens."

John Hancock



Randy Scott
Founder





Empowering the future for skilled Tradespeople

Circular Economy Initiative



Solves

- Diverts waste from landfills.
- Creates many opportunities for employment.
- Enhances local communities.
- Substantially reduces carbon footprint.





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Innovation Center

- Obtain building in disadvantage community.
- Building to be transformed into an interactive innovation center, creating an environment for disadvantaged companies to have the opportunity to be mentored by an elite group of construction professionals, architects, and GC's.
 - Fill warehouse space with surplus, inventory it, then utilize materials in sustainability projects.
 - Segregate small space for disadvantaged companies. They will be provided office and warehouse space at a minimal cost, allowing them to grow and expand their businesses.
 - Dormitory areas for traveling students from other Hancock communities.
 - Shared café for all
 - Creative Center- area where mentoring classes will take place for the disadvantaged companies on how to manage growth, obtain relationships, incorporate systems to help their bottom line, etc.
 - Think Tank- this will be a shared space for architects working with GC's and sustainability companies to come together and collaborate on projects where materials and products can be removed from prospective sites or warehouses that can be incorporated into future projects designed by them.
 - Hancock office and conference room
 - Maintain interactive website of job openings and available students from participating vocational schools.
 - Create and share instructional film on the variation of trades.
 - Design team to collaborate with the think tank group to create specific sustainability projects.





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Benefiting the Community

We believe that small businesses and tradespeople are the lifeline of our communities, so we wanted to do something about it. We recognized small businesses have been severely impacted over the years because of the Pandemic, online shopping, etc.

We also recognize that we are facing the greatest shortage of qualified tradespeople that the industry has ever seen. With the average age of a tradesman being 54 years old, we are quickly approaching a crippling loss. In addition, we want to empower the next generation of people by introducing and mentoring them in the trades.

Equality in the construction industry is also one of our top priorities. Our hope is to develop strong relationships based on being inclusive and to partner with certified disadvantaged businesses (minority, women, and Disabled American Veterans) within your community.

In 2022 we started Hancock Academy to help qualified small local businesses remodel existing or new brick and mortar shops in our communities using local aspiring tradespeople.





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Benefiting the Community Cont.

Funding:

We fund Hancock Academy through the sales of salvaged and overstock materials. In addition, as a registered 501c3, we receive grants and donations.

Hancock Academy Grant Recipients:

Local representatives and the community will nominate a potential grant recipient. Our board will review all nominees and select a grant recipient based on the following criteria: impact on the community, number of jobs created, cost of the project, etc.

Project Execution:

Once a project has been identified, and budget is established, our architects and designers work with the business owner to design the space. Although we understand that some materials will need to be purchased new, our goal is to utilize as much of the Hancock Academy inventory as possible.

Our construction team is comprised of local general contractors, subcontractors, and local apprentices. General contractors support the project with project managers and superintendents. Our subcontractors are required to employ 1 local person for every 2 experienced tradespeople.

Project Completion and Continued Support:

We partnered with SBA to provide a business mentor to all Hancock Academy recipients for 2 years.

Optional: Hancock Academy grant recipients are enrolled in our “pay it forward” program. This program requires the business to reinvest a small portion of their profits back into the Hancock Academy program to help fund the next project.

Future Tradespeople:

Throughout the project, our local apprentices will learn valuable skills, and will have the opportunity to network with contractors, subcontractors, and the unions to determine if the trades are the right fit. Additional training is available through our schools at no cost.





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Benefiting Students and Schools

- Live resume board covering New England- placing their resumes for full access for all contractors to obtain accessibility.
- Grants to assist students with housing assistance.
- Host special training in remote areas.
- Create special projects in regard to the materials acquired through surplus.
- Grants for tools and supplies
- Networking with general contractors and Local Businesses





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Benefiting Disadvantaged Companies

- One on one mentorship with highly successful construction professionals, architects, and general contractors.
- Hancock Academy provides classes and one on one training for:
 - Goal setting
 - Logistics planning
 - Operational planning
 - Blueprint training
 - Creating relationships with clients
 - Sustainability
 - Green solutions/initiatives
 - Apprenticeship goal setting
 - Financial planning
 - Networking
 - Document management
 - Prequals/ Vendor enrollment
- Provide warehouse, office, and collaboration spaces.





Hancock Academy's Commitment to a Diverse, Equitable, and Inclusive Place for Everyone

Hancock Academy is committed to providing a welcoming environment for everyone. We are dedicated to ensuring that the organization is *diverse, equitable, and inclusive*. Accordingly, we define these terms as the following:

Diversity:

"The inclusion of people from varying racial, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds; people of different ages, genders, sexual orientations, and socioeconomic statuses; and people with disabilities"

Equity:

"A guarantee of fair treatment, access and opportunity and advancement for all, no matter one's background or capability."

Inclusion:

"A culture where each person is valued, respected, and supported and can achieve their full potential based on their unique qualities and experiences."

Our intentions:

- Ensure that implicit bias and its potential consequences are understood, and that people of diverse backgrounds are always welcomed and respected.
- Proactively recruit diverse persons to participate in our work and programs, especially for People of Color, Veterans, and people with different abilities.
- Be a leader in consciously respecting and valuing everyone, no matter their background, capability, or uniqueness.
- Incorporate our anti-bias philosophy and practices into everything we set out to accomplish, including our outreach and education programs.
- Provide opportunities to foster intercultural competence and global engagement.





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Benefiting General Contractors

- Network of available students throughout from Boston to Bangor and beyond.
- Opportunity to strengthen their workforce.
- Tax credits for contributions.
- Opportunity to be spotlighted in our sustainability programs.
- Preparing for the future.
- Networking with small businesses.





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- Emerson College
- Northeastern University
- Turner Construction
- Habitat of Humanities, Boston
- Cape Veridian Association
- Saint Peter's Teen Center
- North Bennett School
- Madison Park High School
- Carbon Leadership Forum (CLF)
- ABC Building Supplies
- Mindful Matters
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- United Technologies
- Arcart Woodworking and Furniture
- Hilton Real Estate
- Spadxtech
- Creative Solutions for Nonprofits
- Think Brandish
- Proactive Philanthropy
- City of Boston, MA
- GSC Services
- Elisha Builders
- Alexandria Real Estate Equities
- Mass Institute of Technology (MIT)
- Boston College
- FBS Corporation
- Greentown Labs
- New Balance
- Jones Lang LaSalle (JLL)
- Massachusetts Biomedical Initiatives (MBI labs)
- Better Homes and Garden: Real Estate Base Camp
- Portsmouth Career and Technical Education (CTE)
- Tansey Electric

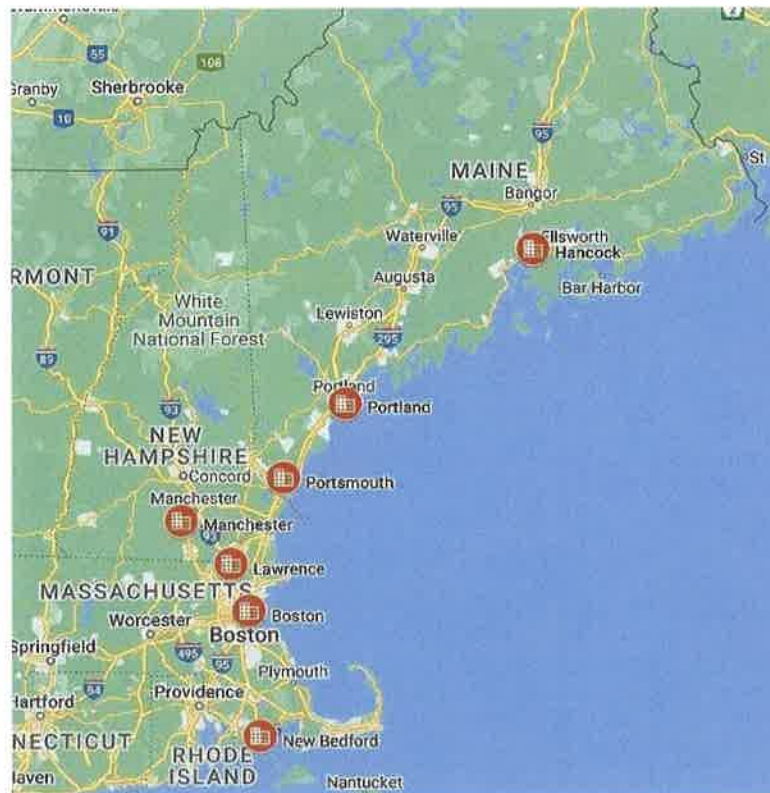




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Future Campus Locations

- **Hancock, ME**
- **Bangor, ME**
- **Portland, ME**
- **Portsmouth, NH**
- **Manchester, NH**
- **Lawrence, MA**
- **Boston, MA**
- **New Bedford, MA**



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Dear Colleagues:

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to everyone who has contributed their time, energy, and resources to Hancock Academy over the past year. What began as an idea on a napkin has now become a thriving movement, thanks to the dedication of incredible individuals who believe in supporting future tradespeople through our circular economy initiative.

2023 was undoubtedly challenging for everyone, but we have made tremendous progress despite the difficulties. In this newsletter, you will find exciting news about our accomplishments this year, including our new facilities, groundbreaking scientific research on repurposing materials, and community investments.

None of these achievements would have been possible without the contributions of all involved. We sincerely thank you for your continued partnership and investment in Hancock Academy.

Together, we are making a real difference that matters!

Sincerely,

Randy Scott,
Founder and CEO
Hancock Academy
randy@hancockacademy.org





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Hancock Academy's 2023 Newsletter New Campuses:

McPherson Campus

1 King Street, New Bedford, MA

Proactive Philanthropy founder, **Ed McPherson** has generously secured 100,000 square feet of warehousing space in New Bedford, Massachusetts. Hancock Academy will utilize this space to distribute donations to schools and organizations throughout Massachusetts and New Hampshire.



<https://www.proactivephilanthropy.org/>



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New Balance Campus

5 South Union Street Lawrence, MA

New Balance has donated 5,000 square feet of warehouse space in Lawrence, MA, for receiving and distributing salvaged materials. We expect this facility to be operational by the Summer of 2024.





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McGregor Campus

55 Baker Blvd, Brewer Maine

Bruce McGregor has donated a 5000-square-foot workshop and classroom space in Brewer, Maine. The campus will be used for community repurposing projects that involve local businesses, vocational schools, and nonprofits.





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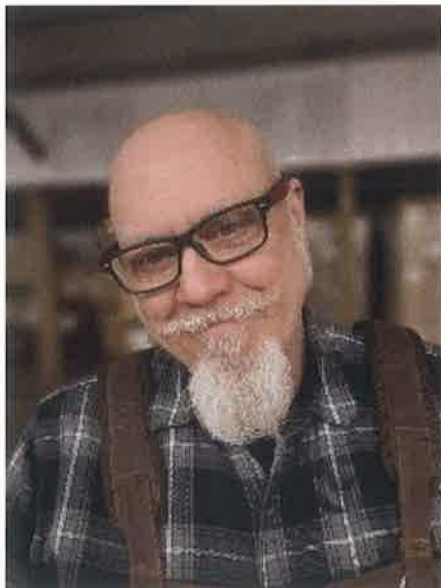
Hancock Academy Projects:

Reusing-

Ron Corl, who is the Director of Special Projects for Hancock Academy, will collaborate with **Brian Langley**, who is the **Executive Director of Bridge Academy, University of Maine, United Technology Center, and Sumner Memorial High School**, on projects that involve repurposing materials that Hancock Academy has salvaged from buildings in the New England area. Recently, Ron Corl was featured as a guest on a New England-based podcast, Port Broadcast, where he discussed his participation in the Celtics Training Facility flooring reuse project. Listen here:

<https://www.spreaker.com/user/portbroadcasting/hancockacademyproduced>

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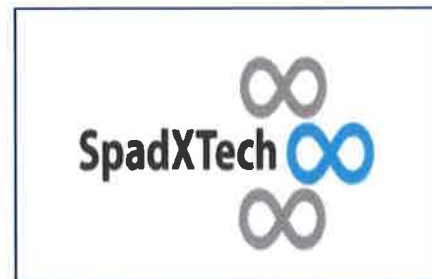




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Repurposing-

The Department of Environmental Protection has invited us to participate in a research and development grant opportunity through Re-X. The challenge set by Re-X is to identify materials that can be reintegrated into the circular economy. We have teamed up with **Lina Gonzalez**, founder of **SpadXTech**, and together, we will work towards identifying two source materials that can be upcycled. Our first proposal is to take salvaged acoustic ceiling tiles and convert them into soundproof insulation for commercial and residential use. Our second proposal is to take window glazing and other architectural glass and turn them into non-structural glass blocks.



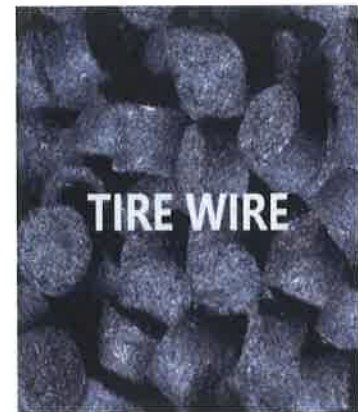
spadxtech.com





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Reusing-



Hancock Academy/SpadXTech/Frank Schofield, Owner of BDS and FBS Tire recycling in Fairfield, Maine, and Littleton, Massachusetts, are collaborating on alternative uses for their recycled material. <https://www.bdstirerecycling.com/>





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Reusing-

We are currently collaborating with **Turner Construction** and **Northeastern University** to repurpose **Marino Center's** basketball court flooring. We have received around 800 sq. ft. of hardwood at our New Bedford Facility. Ron Corl, the Special Projects Director at Hancock Academy, is working on creating a few prototype items that we can present to Northeastern University. After that, we plan to approach our affiliated trade schools with these potential projects.

Special recognition goes to the hardworking people at the Carbon Leadership Forum. We wouldn't be where we are today without their help and dedication to sustainability in construction.

[Boston Society for Architecture](#) | [Carbon Leadership Forum \(CLF\) Boston \(architects.org\)](#)

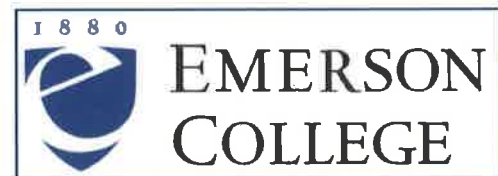




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Reusing-

We assisted numerous families facing financial difficulties associated with the **Cape Veridian Association (CVA) of Boston and the St. Peter's Teen Center in Dorchester, MA**. We donated much-needed furnishings and owe a big thank you to Emerson College for their help. The coordination was done by **William Gross**, a Hancock Academy's Board of Directors member, who facilitated the arrangements with **Paulo De Barros**, the **President of CVA**.





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Next Steps for Hancock Academy in 2024:

Investor Recruitment:

The Fund Development Committee, led by **Jack Keating**, is actively seeking Corporate Sponsorships, Major Gifts, and grant funding for the organization.

Acquiring Additional Locations:

Derric Scott is in the process of organizing a new location in New Bedford, Massachusetts and a logistics team for this campus.

New Projects:

Ron Corl is working on the development of new projects in Maine, curriculum planning, and our commencement celebration.

Sustainability:

Jim Mor is working closely with university fellows and area businesses to create new sustainability ventures.

Education:

Susan Corl is developing Hancock Academy's Education and Certification programs.

Partnerships and Councils:

Randy Scott is working behind the scenes with the new partners and the advisory councils.

IMPORTANT DATES

January 25, 2024:

Strategic Planning session of Hancock Academy's Board of Directors and Advisory Councils. (Location and Time to be determined.)

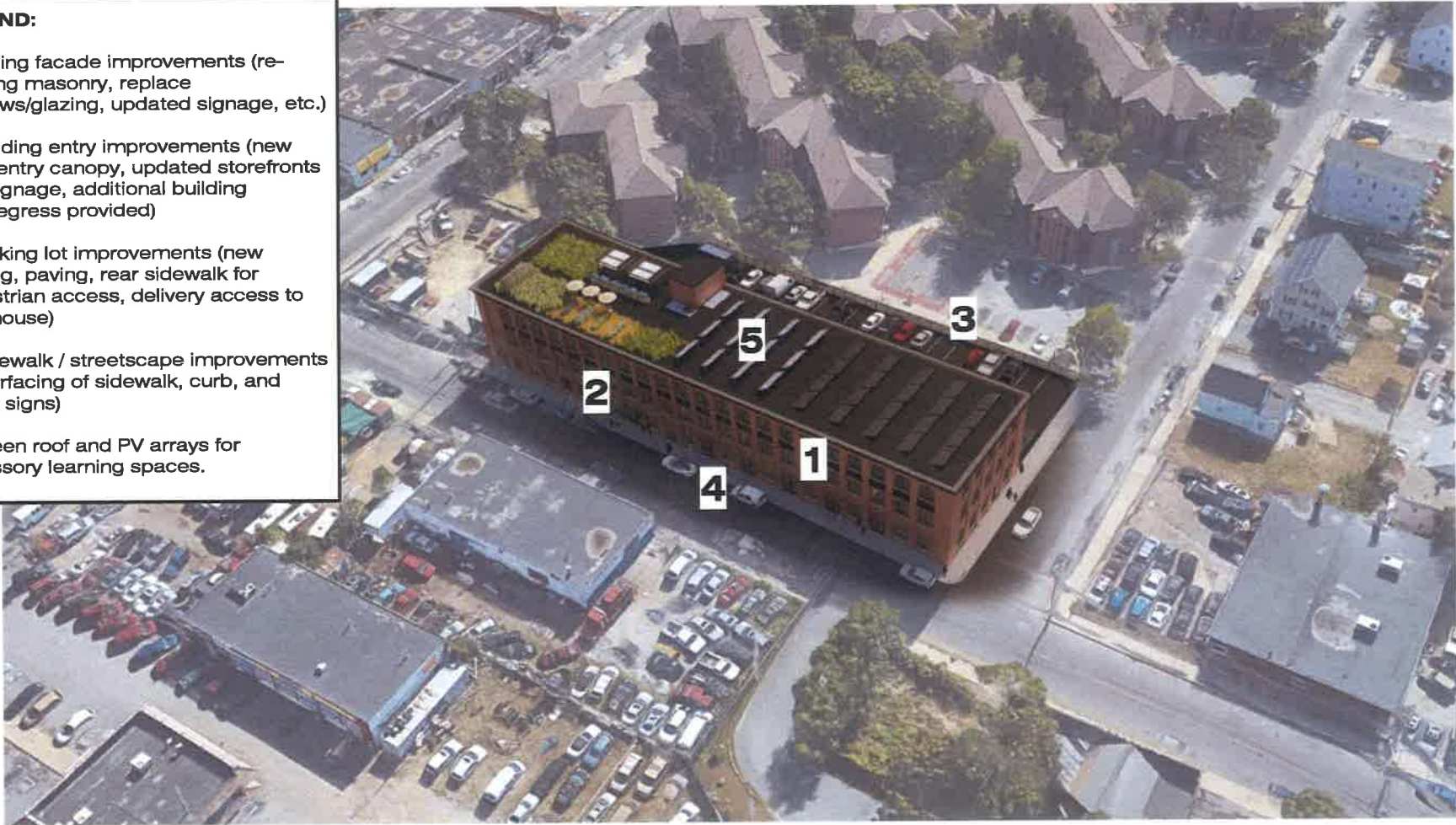
March 2024:

Hancock Academy's Commencement Celebration (Location and Time to be determined.)



LEGEND:

1. Building facade improvements (re-pointing masonry, replace windows/glazing, updated signage, etc.)
2. Building entry improvements (new main entry canopy, updated storefronts and signage, additional building entry/egress provided)
3. Parking lot improvements (new fencing, paving, rear sidewalk for pedestrian access, delivery access to warehouse)
4. Sidewalk / streetscape improvements (re-surfacing of sidewalk, curb, and street signs)
5. Green roof and PV arrays for accessory learning spaces.



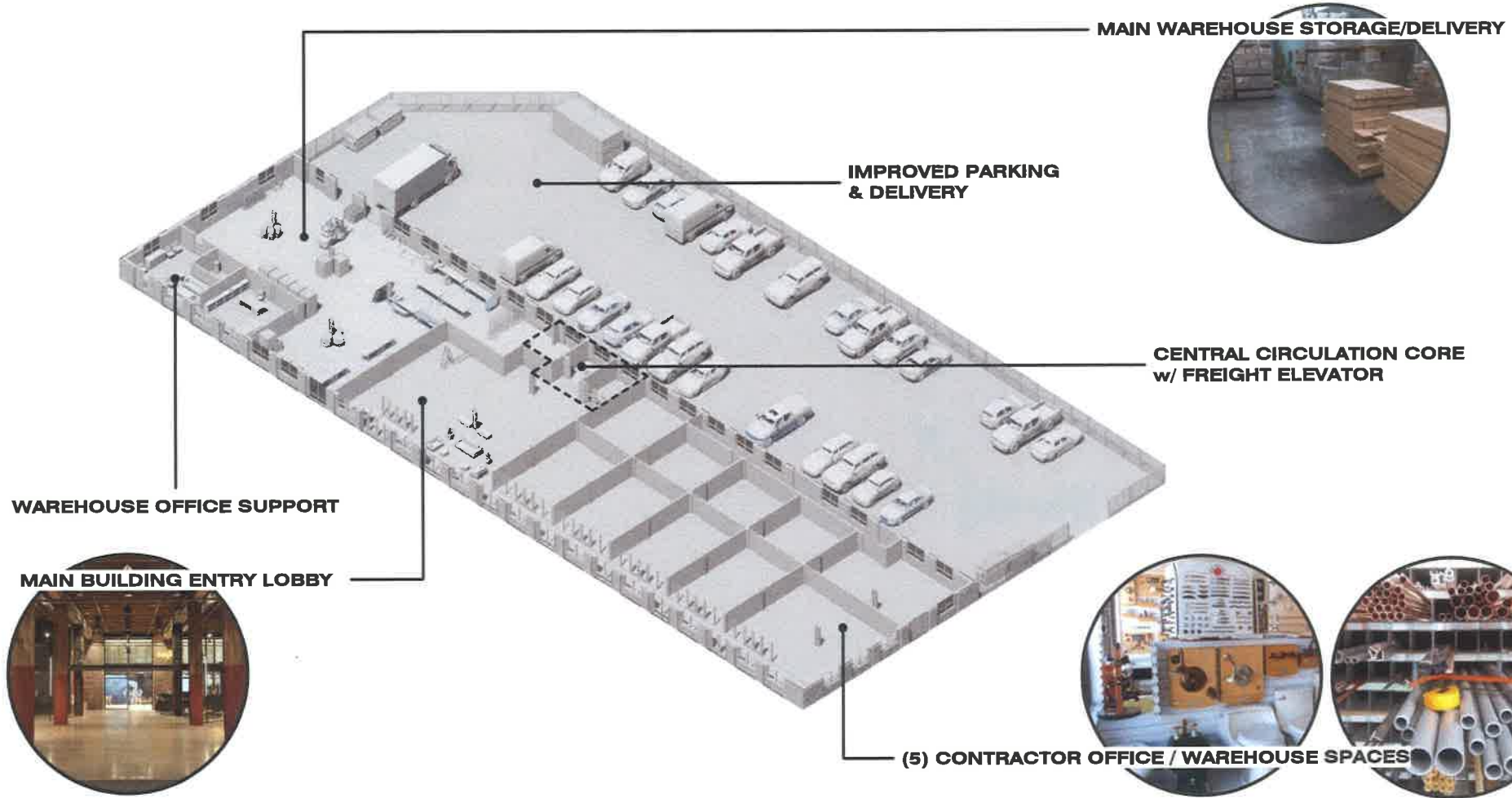
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SITE AERIAL

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MAC
design



WAREHOUSE OFFICE SUPPORT

MAIN BUILDING ENTRY LOBBY

MAIN WAREHOUSE STORAGE/DELIVERY

IMPROVED PARKING & DELIVERY

CENTRAL CIRCULATION CORE w/ FREIGHT ELEVATOR

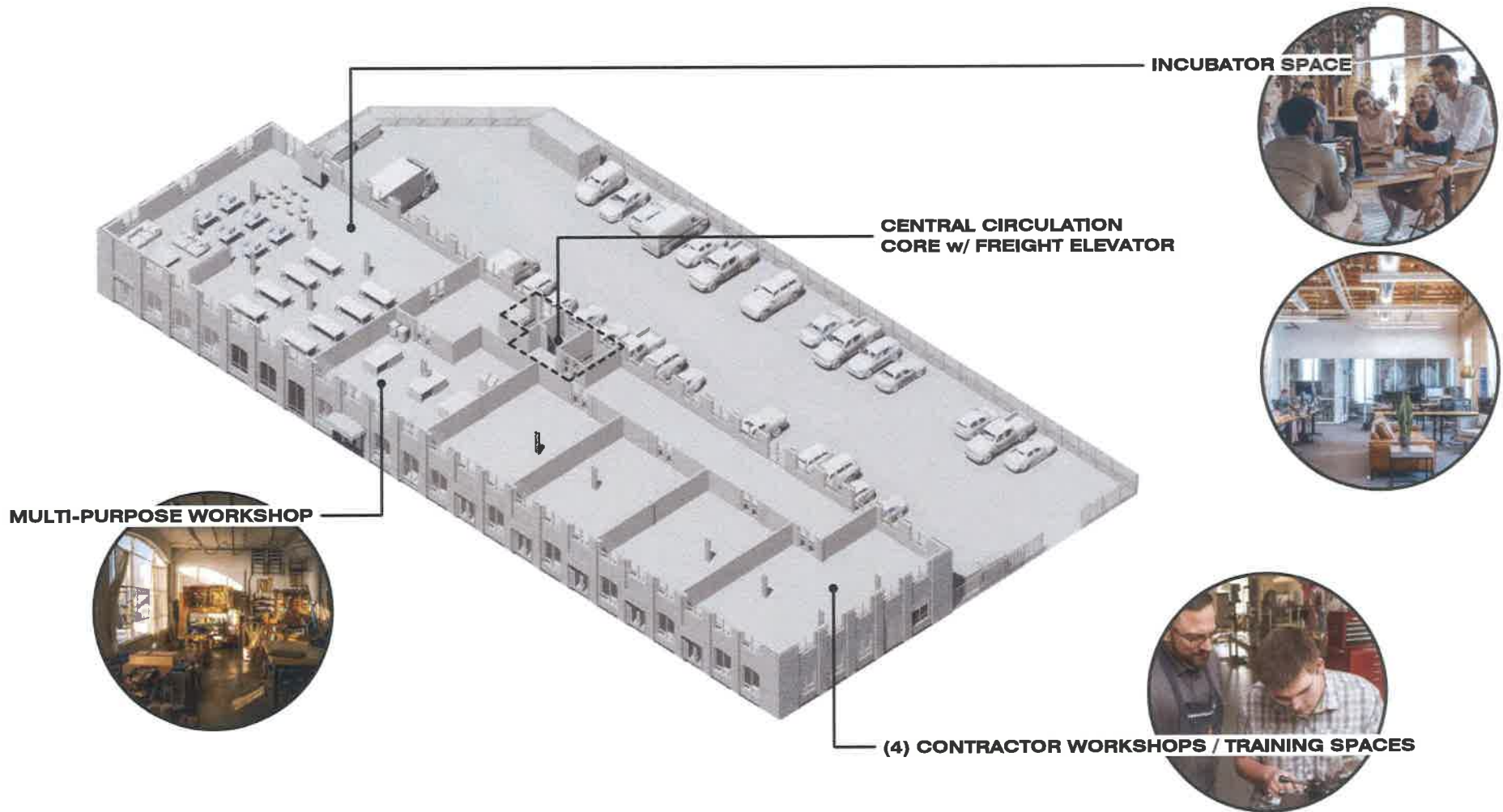
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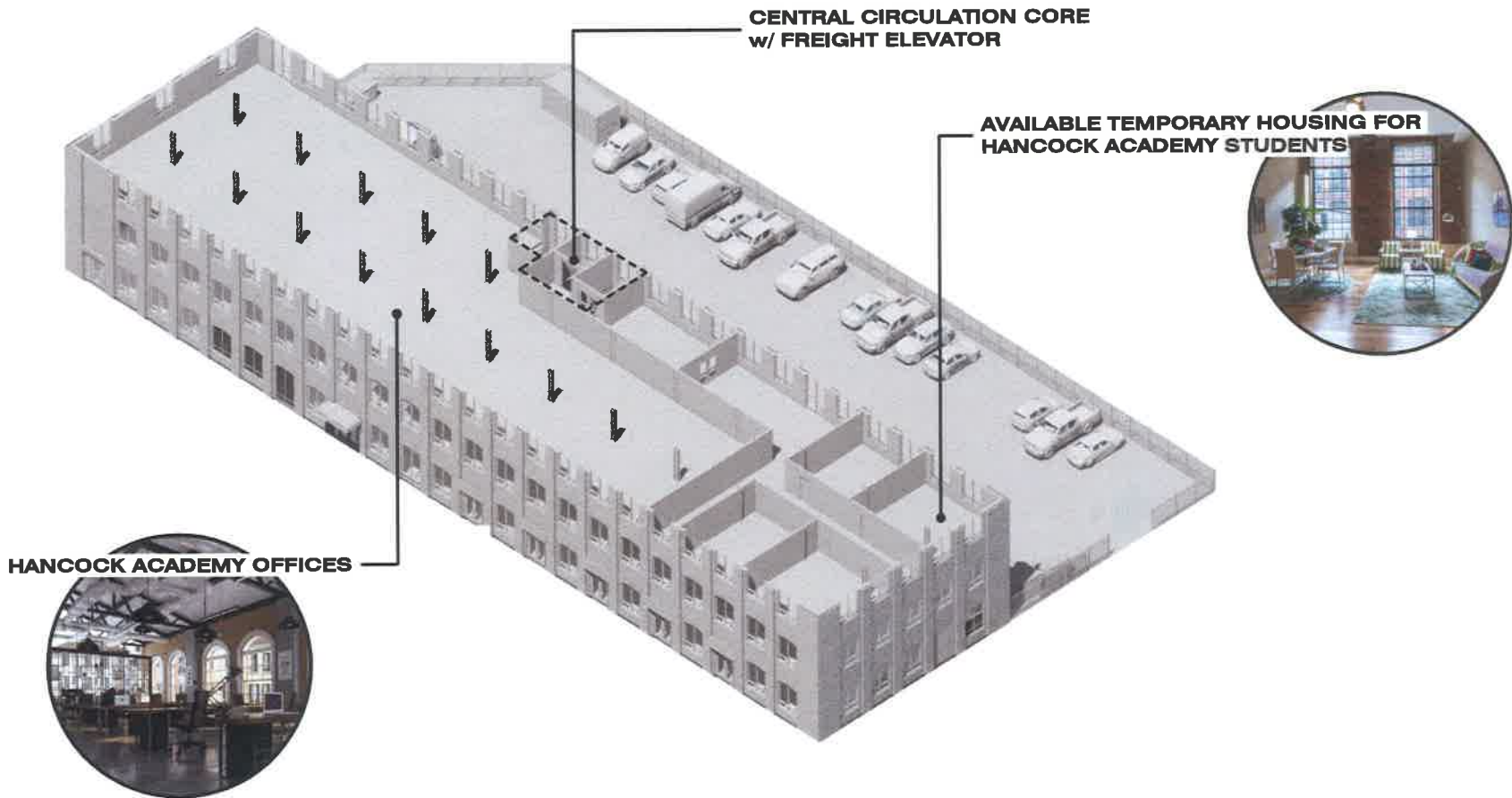


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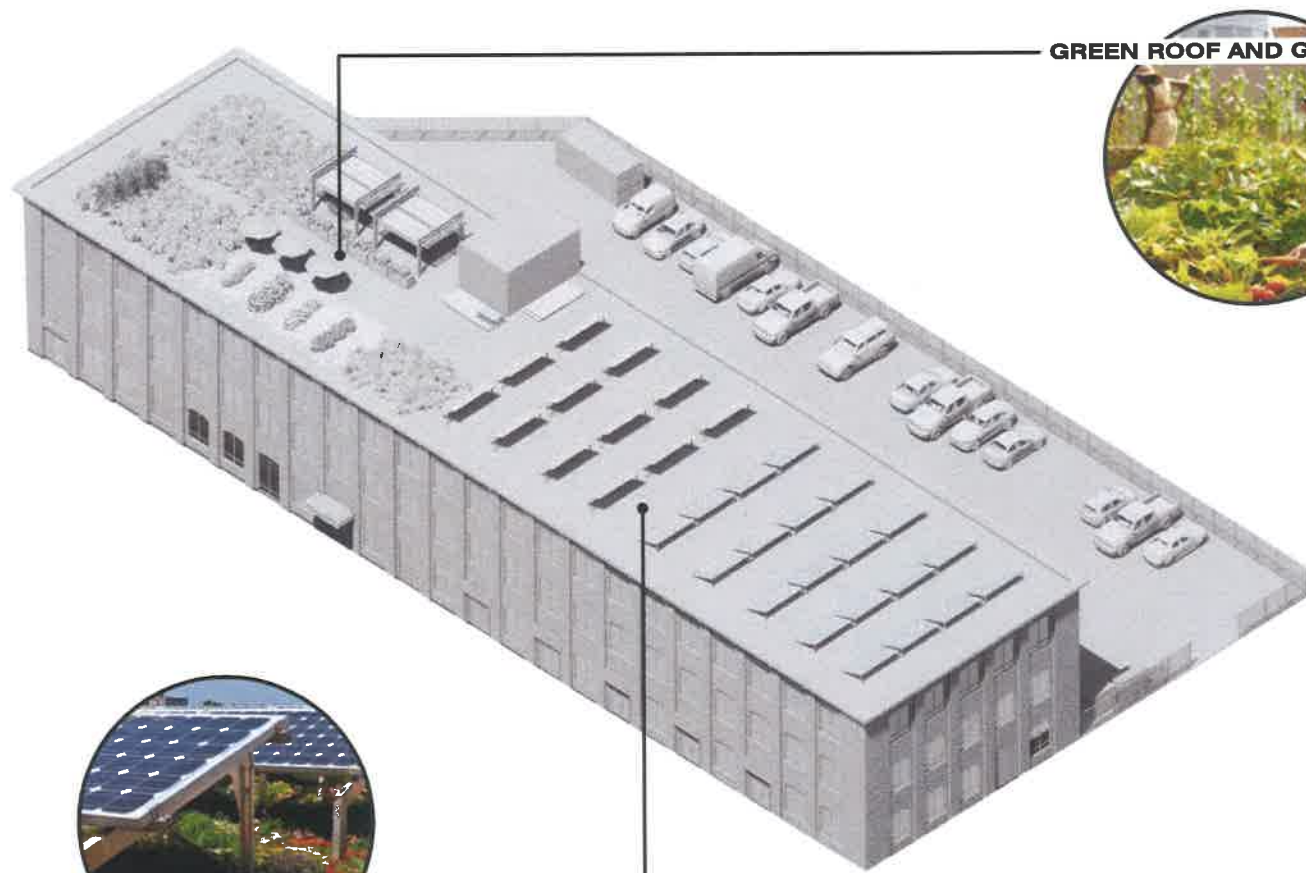


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L3 - PROGRAM CONCEPT

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GREEN ROOF AND GARDEN FEATURES



PHOTOVOLTAIC ARRAYS





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MAIN BUILDING ENTRY

X105



MAC
design



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PARKING / SERVICE ENTRY

X106



MAC
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[EXTERNAL]RE: Erving IP Mill

Murphy, Ben <bwmurphy@Massdevelopment.com>

Wed 4/17/2024 2:21 PM

To: Bryan Smith <bryan.smith@erving-ma.gov>

Cc: Elizabeth Sicard <elizabeth.sicard@erving-ma.gov>; Scott Bastarache <scott.bastarache@erving-ma.gov>; Gregoire, Amanda <agregoire@massdevelopment.com>

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Request for Interest - Courthouse - January 2017.pdf;

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Hi Bryan,

I was nice to catch up with you regarding the IP Mill project.

Amanda and I had a chance to talk with our team about the project. While we didn't come up with a solid solution we thought of an approach to take that may be able to help with a future RFP. The idea is that the town approves the additional funds to clear the entire site then goes out to RFP with the goal of attracting a developer by offering to utilize those funds to demolish as much or as little of the site for the most advantageous development. The City of Worcester took a similar approach with a former courthouse building. The RFI that the city put out is attached for your reference. As part of the RFI, they offered to demolish a part of the building, based on the preferred developer's plans, before handing over the property to a developer. In the case of Erving, by offering to work with a developer to demolish what they need demolished for their plans to work, it may attract developers who were not previously interested because of the costs associated with demolition.

Let us know if you have any questions. Amanda was involved with the Worcester project and may be able to fill you in on some more details.

-Ben

From: Bryan Smith <bryan.smith@erving-ma.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 9:34 AM

To: Murphy, Ben <bwmurphy@Massdevelopment.com>

Cc: Elizabeth Sicard <elizabeth.sicard@erving-ma.gov>; Scott Bastarache <scott.bastarache@erving-ma.gov>

Subject: Erving IP Mill

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Good morning, Ben,

In advance of our check-in today, I wanted to send a long the submission that was received for the IP Mill site from the Hancock Academy.



Bryan Smith
Town Administrator

Town of Erving

Phone (413) 422-2800 ext. 1102

Web www.erving-ma.gov

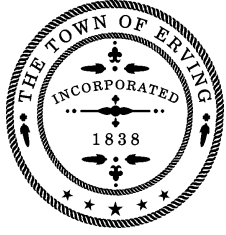
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April 19, 2024

To: Select Board

From: Bryan Smith, Town Administrator

CC: Elizabeth Sicard, Administrative Assistant

RE: Conservation Commission Resignation

Attached for your review is a letter of resignation from Carolyn Berg as a member of the Conservation Commission. Carie has been an active member of the Conservation Commission and her contributions have certainly been appreciated. Carie's involvement will be missed.

Carie's resignation leaves the Commission with a vacancy for a term ending on June 30, 2026.

Carie Berg
13 Ridge Road
Erving, MA 01344
carie.erving@gmail.com
413.426.7477

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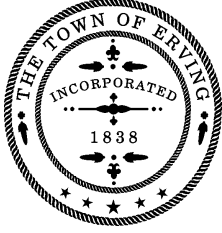
To whom it may concern,

I am writing to resign from my position as Conservation Commissioner, effective immediately. While this decision was not easy, circumstances involving my health require that I step down from my role without delay.

I am thankful for the opportunities and experiences I've gained during my time here. I would love the opportunity to rejoin in the future, once I have everything in check, should an opening be available.

I appreciate your understanding and support.

Sincerely,
Carie Berg



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To: Select Board

From: Bryan Smith, Town Administrator
CC: Elizabeth Sicard, Administrative Assistant

RE: Conservation Commission Appointment and Letter of Interest

The Conservation Commission is a five (5) member board with staggered three (3) year terms. The Conservation Commission currently has one (1) vacancy. I have received one (1) letter of interest from resident Marty Garcia. The letter is enclosed for your review.

The recommended vote language below provides for staggered three-year terms that align with our annual appointment schedule.

Recommended vote language:

A motion to appoint Marty Garcia as a member of the Conservation Commission, effective April 22, 2024, with a term ending June 30, 2026.

FW: [EXTERNAL]Submission Received: Contact Us

Elizabeth Sicard <elizabeth.sicard@erving-ma.gov>

Thu 4/18/2024 2:35 PM

To: Bryan Smith <bryan.smith@erving-ma.gov>

Hi Bryan,

Please find below the letter of interest from Marty Garcia.

Thanks,

Bets

Betsy Sicard

Administrative Assistant

Assistant Town Clerk

Board of Health Clerk

Notary Public

Town of Erving

Phone (413) 422-2800 ext. 1101

Web www.erving-ma.gov

Address 12 East Main Street, Erving, MA 01344



From: Marty Garcia via Erving MA <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 5:54 PM

To: Information Account <info@erving-ma.gov>

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Submitted on Tuesday, April 16, 2024 - 5:53pm

Submitted by anonymous user: 2601:19b:4a7e:8850:19a1:272a:8b3d:381f

Submitted values are:

Subject: To Select Board Concerning Vacancy on Conservation Commission

Message: Hello, my name is Marty Garcia and I am interested in joining the Con Comm. I am a facility manager with the USGS and I handle contracts for construction with our agency, so I am experienced in NEPA reviews, working with other federal state and local agencies and staying current with any applicable policies. I serve as the Environmental Officer at our facility, have a good working knowledge of environmental hazards, mitigation and working with the public. I am an outdoorsman and avid environmentalist, but understand the need for properly planned development to address changing needs. I have been a resident of Erving for 22 years, served on the recreation committee and coached soccer and baseball here for many years.

==Please provide the following information==

Your Name: Marty Garcia

Your E-mail Address: bahdhombray@gmail.com

Phone Number: 4137684941

==Address==

Street: 192 North St

City: Erving

State: Massachusetts

Zipcode: 01344

Organization:

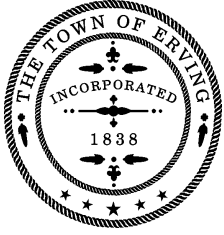
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April 19, 2024

To: Select Board

From: Bryan Smith, Town Administrator

CC: Glenn McCrory, Highway Superintendent
Robert Holst, Chief of Police

RE: Traffic Control Devices on North Street & Church Street

In response to concerns about speeding on Church Street and the lower section of North Street, the Select Board authorized the Highway Department to purchase four (4) sets of temporary rubber speed cushions. The purpose of the equipment was not only to slow traffic with the goal of improving safety but was also to assess placement and to determine if residents and the Town wanted to consider permanently altering the road surface to incorporated speed humps. The equipment arrived during the summer of 2023 and was installed by late summer. Site walks were held with neighborhood residents to identify preferred locations for placement. Site conditions, location of utilities, and other factors informed final placement of the cushions for the pilot.

This was the first time the Town had purchased and installed this type of equipment and there was certainly a learning curve. To securely fasten each speed cushion across the travel lanes, hundreds of 7" anchors had to be drilled into the pavement. This in addition to some extremely hot days, resulted in several days of installation. While receipt of the equipment and installation took longer than originally hoped, that equipment remained in place until the last week of October to prepare for the winter weather and plowing season. In November 2023, the Town's Office of Community Planning sent residents in the neighborhood some survey questions and invited residents to share their thoughts on the pilot effort and whether the speed humps should be considered for a permanent installation. Responses to that survey invitation have been included for your review.

As the Select Board and the residents work to determine the desired layout and improvements for the neighborhoods of North Street and Church Street, I want to remind the Select Board that the Town is likely eligible to apply for a second implementation round of funding for Complete Streets. The Town's Complete Streets Prioritization Plan calls for safety improvements and pedestrian accommodations on both streets. As a long-term strategy, the Town could work to secure engineering services for a complete streets project and apply to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) for implementation funding that could address the deficient sidewalks, the possibility of the speed humps, and/or explore other traffic calming measures. This could likely dovetail with the Church Street Bridge replacement in 2025.



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Department of Community Planning

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413-422-1105 | mariah.kurtz@erving-ma.gov

Residents of Church Street, North Street, Highland Avenue:

As of October 25, 2023 the Highway Department has removed the speed humps in Erving Center. These speed humps were installed late summer 2023 at the request of neighborhood residents as a pilot project to see how they affected traffic and the residents on Church Street and North Street. They have been removed so the roads can be effectively and safely plowed when snow arrives. Prior to their removal, the Franklin Regional Council of Governments completed a traffic study to capture data on how the installation of these affected traffic patterns.

All formal feedback should be submitted via Google form found at:

<https://www.erving-ma.gov/home/news/erving-center-speed-hump-pilot-project>

or by filling out this paper form and returning it to Town Hall Attn: Mariah Kurtz. Feedback will be compiled and submitted to the Select Board and Capital Planning Committee for review. For any urgent issues please call Glenn McCrory, Highway Superintendent (413) 423-3500 ext. 1400.

Thank you,

Mariah Kurtz, Town Planner

Temporary Speed Hump Feedback
Church Street & North Street
November 2023

1. Name: Donna Beck

2. Street of Residence: North St.

3. Two letters were sent to Church Street, North Street, and Highland Avenue residents inviting them to two neighborhood conversations/site walks. Were you aware that these took place?

yes - I couldn't attend, but neighbors briefed me afterwards.

4. How did the speed humps affect you/your family's driving patterns, walking patterns, comfort with children or pets playing outside, boarding school buses, etc?

no difference before/after

5. How did the speed humps affect you and your family at your residence? Where there issues with noise from the vehicles, etc?

The noise was very loud - especially when a truck or trailer went over the hump, and that happens frequently.

6. What observable differences in traffic patterns on your street did you notice? Did they appear effective in slowing traffic? For numerical data, the Highway Department had a traffic study completed so that speeds and traffic counts with/without the speed humps can be compared.

I felt like people were not slowing down, so I counted one day from my porch. Two of 12 vehicles actually slowed down. (not a reliable # for research, but it confirmed to me what I thought. 😊)

7. Did your opinion on the speed humps change before they were installed versus after they were installed? If so, how?

Yes. I was 100% in favor of these in the beginning. The constant noise (loud) and the feeling that people still weren't slowing down, changed my mind.

8. There are competitive grant funding sources such as Complete Streets, which the Town could apply for to increase pedestrian safety through this neighborhood in the future. This grant was successfully used to help pay for sidewalk installation and improvements in Ervingside neighborhoods. Projects such as this are expensive capital projects, which usually are not completely covered by grants, and may take many years to plan and fund. With that context, if you could make physical changes to North Street and Church Street to deter speeding and dangerous driving and improve pedestrian safety, what would they be?

That's a tough question! I was so excited and hopeful about these humps, but I don't think they're the answer. I'm concerned that ~~the~~ higher bumps (not humps ;)) would create even more noise. — Perhaps more humps, closer together so drivers have to slow down? — but the noise would still be an issue.

Opening Church St. back up to a-way traffic might take some of the burden off of North St.

9. Any other (respectful) comments?

— well-marked pedestrian crossings w/ signals as are on Rt. 2 might help,
— greater police presence/ticketing?
— cameras installed to get plate #'s of those speeding.
Thank you for continuing to work on solutions!

Temporary Speed Hump Feedback
Church Street & North Street
November 2023

1. Name: DEB LAPINSKI

2. Street of Residence:
6 NORTH ST.

3. Two letters were sent to Church Street, North Street, and Highland Avenue residents inviting them to two neighborhood conversations/site walks. Were you aware that these took place?

NOT THAT I REMEMBER

4. How did the speed humps affect you/your family's driving patterns, walking patterns, comfort with children or pets playing outside, boarding school buses, etc?

IT WAS AWESOME. THEY STOPPED SPEEDING TO THE STOP JUST AS SOON AS THEY WERE MOVED IT ALL STARTED AGAIN.

5. How did the speed humps affect you and your family at your residence? Where there issues with noise from the vehicles, etc?

~~MUCH~~ ALOT QUIETER AND NOT NERVOUS BACKING OUT OF MY DRIVEWAY.

6. What observable differences in traffic patterns on your street did you notice? Did they appear effective in slowing traffic? For numerical data, the Highway Department had a traffic study completed so that speeds and traffic counts with/without the speed humps can be compared.

IT SEEMED EVERYONE WAS DRIVING ALOT SLOWER.

7. Did your opinion on the speed humps change before they were installed versus after they were installed? If so, how?

MUCH QUIETER NO ONE SPEEDING UP
OR DOWN THE ROAD. ALOT ~~OF~~ NICER.

8. There are competitive grant funding sources such as Complete Streets, which the Town could apply for to increase pedestrian safety through this neighborhood in the future. This grant was successfully used to help pay for sidewalk installation and improvements in Ervingside neighborhoods. Projects such as this are expensive capital projects, which usually are not completely covered by grants, and may take many years to plan and fund. With that context, if you could make physical changes to North Street and Church Street to deter speeding and dangerous driving and improve pedestrian safety, what would they be?

IT WAS BE ALOT SAFER FOR EVERYONE

9. Any other (respectful) comments?

Temporary Speed Hump Feedback
Church Street & North Street
November 2023

1. Name: *Carole Lyman*

2. Street of Residence:
37 North St.

3. Two letters were sent to Church Street, North Street, and Highland Avenue residents inviting them to two neighborhood conversations/site walks. Were you aware that these took place?

Yes
I have a hard time walking or standing. I did not make it. Sorry.

4. How did the speed humps affect you/your family's driving patterns, walking patterns, comfort with children or pets playing outside, boarding school buses, etc?

Speed bumps didn't do any good. As soon as the car/truck went over speed bumps they speed by the house way over speed limits. Also riding on the side walk. Not stopping at crosswalks when people are crossing.

5. How did the speed humps affect you and your family at your residence? Where there issues with noise from the vehicles, etc?

Yes

6. What observable differences in traffic patterns on your street did you notice? Did they appear effective in slowing traffic? For numerical data, the Highway Department had a traffic study completed so that speeds and traffic counts with/without the speed humps can be compared.

No. They went faster. Tractor trailer speeding by the house like it's a race track. Need to come up with a better plan.

7. Did your opinion on the speed humps change before they were installed versus after they were installed? If so, how?

It didn't do any good either way.

8. There are competitive grant funding sources such as Complete Streets, which the Town could apply for to increase pedestrian safety through this neighborhood in the future. This grant was successfully used to help pay for sidewalk installation and improvements in Erving side neighborhoods. Projects such as this are expensive capital projects, which usually are not completely covered by grants, and may take many years to plan and fund. With that context, if you could make physical changes to North Street and Church Street to deter speeding and dangerous driving and improve pedestrian safety, what would they be?

More Police Patrol. Blinking lights
stating slow down speed 25 miles

9. Any other (respectful) comments?

Stop speeders and give out
tickets. Doesn't do any good to
just stop and give a warning.

Respectfully
Caree

Temporary Speed Hump Feedback
Church Street & North Street
November 2023

1. Name: *Michael J Richardson*
2. Street of Residence: *5 North St*
3. Two letters were sent to Church Street, North Street, and Highland Avenue residents inviting them to two neighborhood conversations/site walks. Were you aware that these took place? *YES*
4. How did the speed humps affect you/your family's driving patterns, walking patterns, comfort with children or pets playing outside, boarding school buses, etc? *not at all*
5. How did the speed humps affect you and your family at your residence? Where there issues with noise from the vehicles, etc? *NO*
6. What observable differences in traffic patterns on your street did you notice? Did they appear effective in slowing traffic? For numerical data, the Highway Department had a traffic study completed so that speeds and traffic counts with/without the speed humps can be compared. *with speed humps much slower traffic, without speed humps the speeds picked back up.
P.S. Maybe a new speed limit sign would help (I doubt it)*

7. Did your opinion on the speed humps change before they were installed versus after they were installed? If so, how?

I thought they were good

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9. Any other (respectful) comments?

Hello Mariah,

My name is Malgorzata Lach and I live at 10 North street. Donna Beck has shared your email with me. I didn't know there was a way to give feedback.

Even though I didn't mind the speed bumps being installed right in front of my house(no one came and asked either) I have to say that I am hugely disappointed. Not only they don't seem to be doing anything to slow down anyone, they have created constant noise and disturbance in my home. I am not able to have a window open-I have been woken up in the early morning by trucks with trailers making incredible noise with the tools hauled in them. One morning last week the noise was so bad-I jumped out of my bed thinking something has happened in my home-this needs to stop. There is constant noise with cars speeding up right after the bump. I really don't want them in front of my house and I hope they will not be reinstalled in the Spring.

Sincerely,

Malgorzata Lach

Hi Mariah,

Thank you for sharing this. Unfortunately, I am at a workshop on the 4th, but please keep me in the loop. It was a summer full of anxiety, as the flash flood alerts were raised, but we were very lucky!

That is funny-- Glenn didn't hear that from me! Small town chatter.

Because my bedroom faces the street, with the windows open, I hear the cars that don't slow down. On my Fitbit, you can see my heart beat jump! Yesterday one crashed through at 4:30 a.m. and I truly thought the car had hit something it was so loud. Maybe they didn't see the sign in the dark? We are noticing that on Sundays and other high traffic days, the cars can be bumper to bumper on Church St.

I think one speed bump is enough per street.

I also experienced an unbalanced tire, a couple of weeks ago, and wondered if there was a connection of going over 4 speed bumps per day.

Thanks for all you do for our neighborhood! We appreciate you!

Marcia

Marcia Bernard

Jeff Dubay 11/18/23

Thought they worked well to slow people down. Wants more of them, and permanently installed