

## **Mayor's Downtown Task Force**

**June 22, 2018, 8:00 am to 9:00 am**

### **Meeting Notes**

**Attendees:** Mayor Casavant  
Councilor Ready  
Councilor Foley  
Councilor Lessard  
Jim Bennett  
Mat Eddy  
Brad Favreau

#### **Major topic of discussion:**

Parking garage

30% conceptual design discussed. Existing geotechnical improvements will impact cost of final structure. No engineering work needed for foundation.

Additional borings may be necessary on north side of site.

The existing pave portion of site – surface parking used by Lofts at Saco Falls.

Costs are expected to come in at original estimate, but new tariffs on steel may raise cost by as much as 25%.

There is very low level metal contamination, but not beyond that of surrounding Mills.

Codes is now reviewing submitted documents. This may affect final cost.

The design is intended to mimic existing mill buildings. Councilkl may have to review these considerations:

- Incorporate retail on first floor Saco Falls face?
- Design to be re-purposed in the future
- Top-level restaurant at later date.

Is is feasible to bridge the rail tracks to connect garage to Saco Lowell building?

A garage at 3 Lincoln will serve new development there, Lofts at Saco Falls, and Mill at Saco falls (and other conceptual redevelopment of nearby buildings). But it will also take parking pressure off Main Street and Municipal surface lots. Price in garage cannot be higher than surface lots downtown.

Results of RFQ:

- Walker
- Becker

One consideration – which has a better financial package that supports city pro forma and can make voters comfortable with a revenue bond.

Staff will interview RFQ submittals.

Entered Executive Session 8:34 am:

Motion made by John McCurry, seconded by Marc Lessard

Ended Executive session: 8:48 am:

Motion by mayor, seconded by Victoria Foley

Meeting adjourned: 8:50 am.