

Dempsey, Tsongas Praise Downtown Growth at Breakfast



Rep. Brian S. Dempsey. (WHAV News photograph).

Business leaders and politicians from both sides of the aisle were on hand Sunday as Rep. Brian S. Dempsey used his annual pre-election breakfast to highlight developments in downtown Haverhill.

Dempsey explained how a \$9 million state grant received last week will expand downtown growth along the entire south side of Merrimack Street.

“It will complete the second phase of Harbor Place—which will be terrific luxury condos along the Merrimack River—and it will also allow us to do some other development further up, closer to the post office.”

The additional work, Dempsey referenced, will likely involve Lawrence developer Salvatore Lupoli who announced last Wednesday he would be building a restaurant on the boardwalk. His announcement came as Gov. Charlie Baker was in Haverhill to present the latest MassWorks grant. It brought to nearly \$45 million the Commonwealth has invested in downtown Haverhill.

The chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee paid particular attention to Harbor Place at White’s Corner. He singled out members of the consortium that developed the commercial building and 80 apartments. Greater Haverhill Foundation managers Ronald Trombley and Sally Cerasuolo-O’Rorke, President Scott D. Cote, Vice President Thomas L. Mortimer and director Vincent P. O’Rorke, and Planning Office for Urban Affairs President Lisa B. Alberghini were among those recognized for their work.

Congresswoman Niki Tsongas told the audience she witnessed Haverhill’s downtown accomplishments during a tour Friday, and turned the praise back to Dempsey.

“I was in Haverhill Friday doing a walking tour of the downtown and could see what’s happening here. And, in no small part due to the leadership and commitment of Brian,” she said.

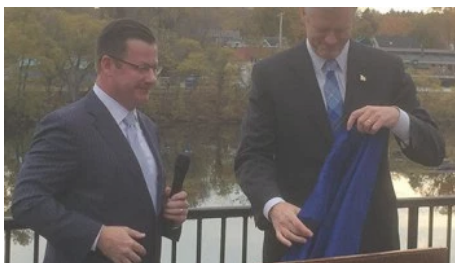


State Rep. Brian S. Dempsey and Congresswoman Niki Tsongas. (WHAV News photograph.)



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