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City of Biddeford enters Master Plan Development Agreement for 3 Lincoln Street

BIDDEFORD — The City of Biddeford has entered into a Master Plan Agreement with BE Fidler, LLC for the development of the City-owned property at 3 Lincoln Street.

The Master Plan Agreement establishes two development sites at 3 Lincoln Street, the former Maine Energy Recovery Co. site, on both sides of the space reserved for the proposed parking garage. The developers, Jim Brady and Brian Eng, will seek to incorporate a mixture of residential, retail, office, hospitality, education and service uses with the proposed parking structure, RiverWalk, and riverside park to create an economically vibrant, urban-style mixed use destination. Known Biddeford entities have already expressed strong interest for a total of 80,000 square feet of commercial space in the first building.

"We are very excited to continue our work in Biddeford," Brady said. "Getting to know and working with people in the community over the past few years has been a joy, and watching development unfold has been exciting. We look forward to rolling up our sleeves and partnering with the City to contribute to the next phase of Biddeford's downtown renaissance."

BE Fidler will work to develop a Preliminary Concept Plan for the site using community input. The plan will include the building layout, scale, and design as well as pedestrian, transit, transportation and utility connections to the surrounding downtown area. The City Council will have the opportunity to approve the Preliminary Concept Plan, which will be completed within the next three months, as well as a final Site Development Plan that will be completed within 6 months of City approval of the PCP.

"Jim Brady and Brian Eng have a wealth of development experience and are committed to Biddeford's revitalization," said Mayor Alan Casavant. "I look forward to seeing their plan for an urban mixed-use hub that will connect the downtown and mill district and continue to usher Biddeford's downtown into a new era."

The development will encompass about 40% of the land owned by the City of Biddeford. The project may be divided into two phases consistent with the development on either side of the proposed parking structure. The design of the new structures will require access to and be dependent on the proposed garage.

For more information on the Master Plan Development Agreement, please contact the City Manager's Office at 207-284-9313.

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