## **ATTN: Historic District Commission**

RE: Work Session March 3, 2021

# 64 Vaughan Mall Restoration Portsmouth, NH 03801

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### 64 Vaughan Mall

The property at 64 Vaughan Mall was acquired in September of 2020 from the Cabot House Group by the development team that successfully executed the re-development of the Connie Bean Center at 135-143 Daniel St. and The Provident Condominium at 25 Maplewood Ave. in Portsmouth. Principle Steven Wilson and Hampshire Development Corp. have operated since 1984 and have been involved in the successful construction and renovation of dozens of historic urban properties in the southeastern NH and northeastern Massachusetts regions. Our principal goal for the property at 64 Vaughan Mall will be to bring the site and existing structure up to current codes while restoring the main building to its original architecture.

Built in the late 19th century as as 3 story brick and heavy timber structure with a flat roof and full basement (36' x 75'), the building was originally owned and occupied by the Margeson Bros Furniture Co.. Early in the 20th century, the building was more than doubled in size 36' x 140' toward what is now the Worth Parking Lot with an addition constructed of essentially the same materials and form. A single story "modern" block addition with a shed roof was added mid century toward the rear facing Hanover St. and was utilized as a loading dock for shipping and receiving for Cabot Furniture. Notably, in 1993 Artist Robert Wyland received the owners permission to allow a mural of his design to be painted by a group of regional amateur artists on the side of the building facing the Worth lot. This mural quickly became a landmark of sorts referred to as the Whaling Wall. However through inappropriate preparation and application of paints, the mural has significantly deteriorated the facade of the building.

The only public access to the building is via the 75' of frontage on the Vaughan Mall leaving long expanses of blank walls along the Worth Parking Lot (145'), the rear alley (135') and the Hanover St. frontage (80') with no entry or other focal points. This provides no pedestrian interface with the building on three sides. In fact, circumnavigating the building on foot requires walking in active vehicle traffic lanes for an extended distance with no connectivity to the building or the Vaughan Mall from Maplewood Ave., Hanover St. or the rest of downtown to the West, South and Easterly directions.

The current condition of the building is widely substandard. The building in its existing condition presents many challenges to the developer, designers, and contractors associated with any renovation and

rehabilitation. The building is largely void of modern utility and mechanical systems with existing water, sewer, drainage, HVAC and fire protection all failing to meet modern standards or capacities.

The structure itself has not received any significant upgrades or improvements in over 70 years. The roof has failed in areas allowing moisture penetration and now threatens the integrity of the structure. Additionally most of the original windows have been infilled and the brick facade has been painted on four sides with a product that has trapped moisture, causing extensive spalling of the masonry. The inside of the existing structure, although retaining some very worthwhile architectural features and wide open space with high ceilings etc., is laden with asbestos and other environmental contaminants which must be removed and remediated. Finally the shape and size of the structure present a very monolithic and unappealing facade that does not enhance its surroundings, promote its history or engage the pedestrian at the street level.

In light of the building and site conditions we are uniquely qualified to rehabilitate and remediate the structure, and with the cooperation of the City, we will be able to convert this property to an attractive mixed use project that will make a significant contribution to the vibrancy of the Vaughan Mall and its strategic location in downtown Portsmouth. Our proposal will truly complement and enhance the City's architectural and historic character and contribute to its sense of place.

Currently underway, our first step is to remediate the hazardous waste conditions and perform select demolition of the interior. We are conducting tests to analyze the feasibility and best methods for removing the coatings and restore the historic facades. Our structural engineers have provided detailed analysis and preliminary plans for rehabilitation of the structure to current standards while maintaining its historic character. Our specific plan for the property is illustrated by the accompanying plans and would be to provide vehicle parking and storage in the existing basement accessed from Hanover St.. The ground floor would be developed as a commercial use as required by current zoning and with the addition of a sidewalk, entries and storefronts along the Worth Parking Lot will serve to activate the Vaughan Mall area.

The revitalization and adaptive reuse of this building will require a minor reconfiguration of parking spaces, installation of curbing, brick sidewalks and landscaping in and adjacent to the Worth Lot. It will thus require the support and approval of the City. The results and impacts as illustrated by the attached site plan and elevations will be profoundly positive for the Worth Lot and Vaughan Mall. No net loss of

parking, improvements in ADA compliance for pedestrians and handicap parking, creation of significant green space annexed to the Vaughan Mall and completion of the pedestrian connection from Hanover St., Maplewood Ave., Worth Lot to the Vaughan Mall and their adjacent businesses are some of the highlights of our plan. It will balance the pedestrian and vehicular experience for this active area with no functional downside to either. Additionally we propose to reactivate the existing infilled windows with new windows and doors being added to the previously blank wall (along the Worth Lot side of the building) with an emphasis on maintaining the historic value in form and function on all sides of the building.

Our plans illustrate a limited vertical expansion of the building that would go a long way to correct the monolithic box like form of the building and add a third dimension to the building and a softening of its form. This will require a variance from the 40' existing elevation otherwise allowed in this zoning district. Although application of the existing zoning would allow a zero lot line expansion of approximately 8-10K square feet of new building volume at the existing parking area along Hanover St we are proposing to vertically expand the historic structure. Such a change would afford us the opportunity to forgo the conversion of the surface parking lot along Hanover St. and instead, design and build a new pocket park in its place.

To further address the disproportionate massing of the existing buildings, we have transitioned the rear facade of the building to a different style in order to differentiate the two buildings adding texture and interest to the continuous wall plane. Importantly, a significant portion of the rear building facade was constructed of poured concrete and was covered by an attached building having no relationship to the architecture of the main building.

In closing we are extremely excited to begin the process of working with the City to design and redevelop this significant property to better serve the community and its future occupants. To that end we are looking forward to listening to your input and ideas as we continue to refine the building and site designs.

Warm Regards Steven Wilson

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### 64 VAUGHAN MALL BUILDING RESTORATION

64 Vaughan Mall, Portsmouth, New Hampshire

Owner:64 Vaughan Mall LLC

Assessor's Parcel 126, Lot 1
ISSUED FOR PLANNING BOARD CONSULTATION

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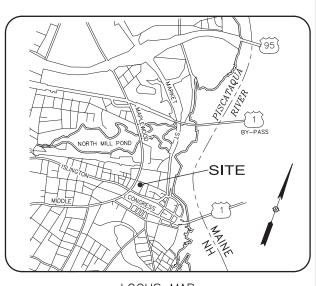
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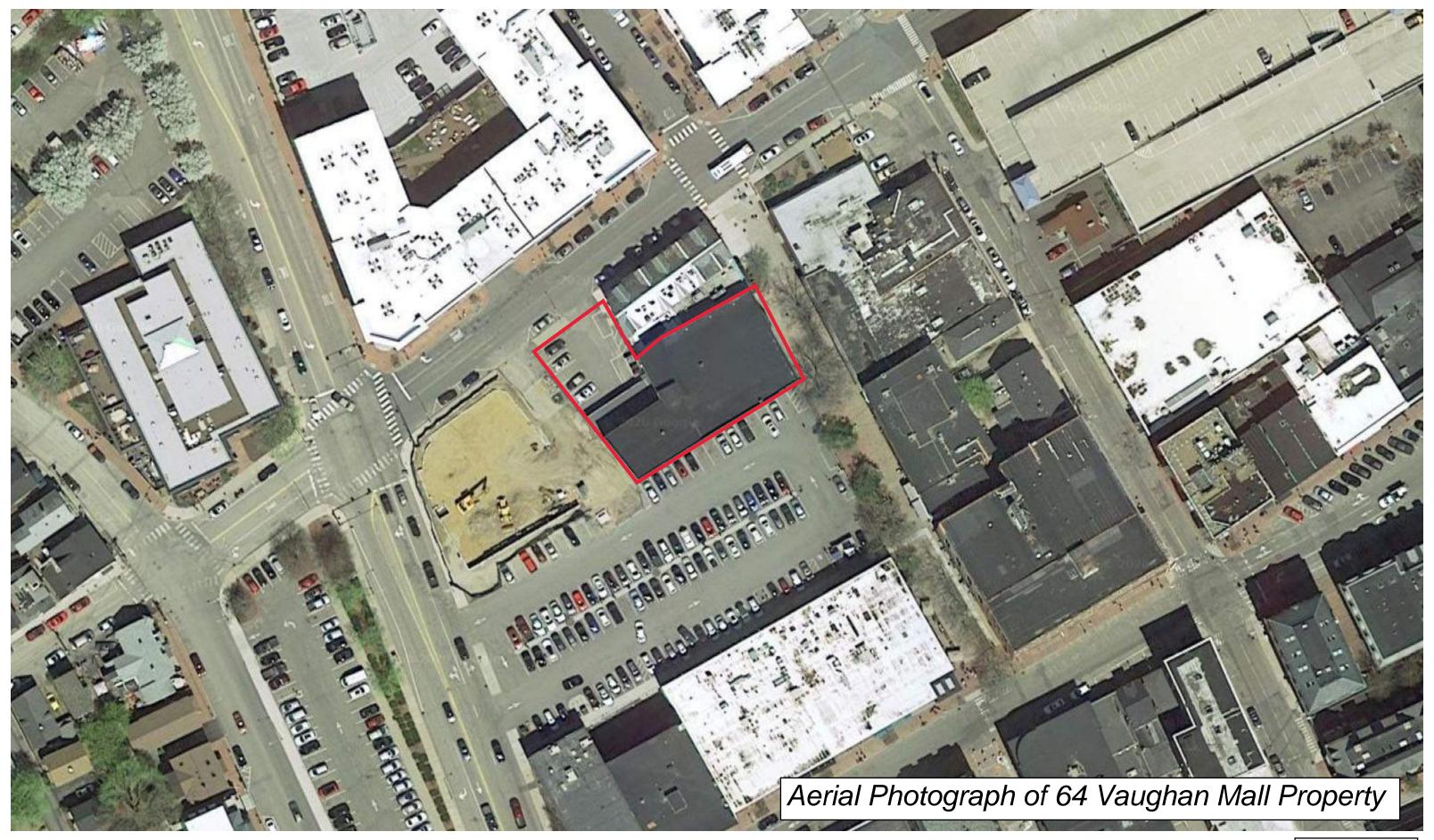
#### Plan Issue Date:

November 2, 2020



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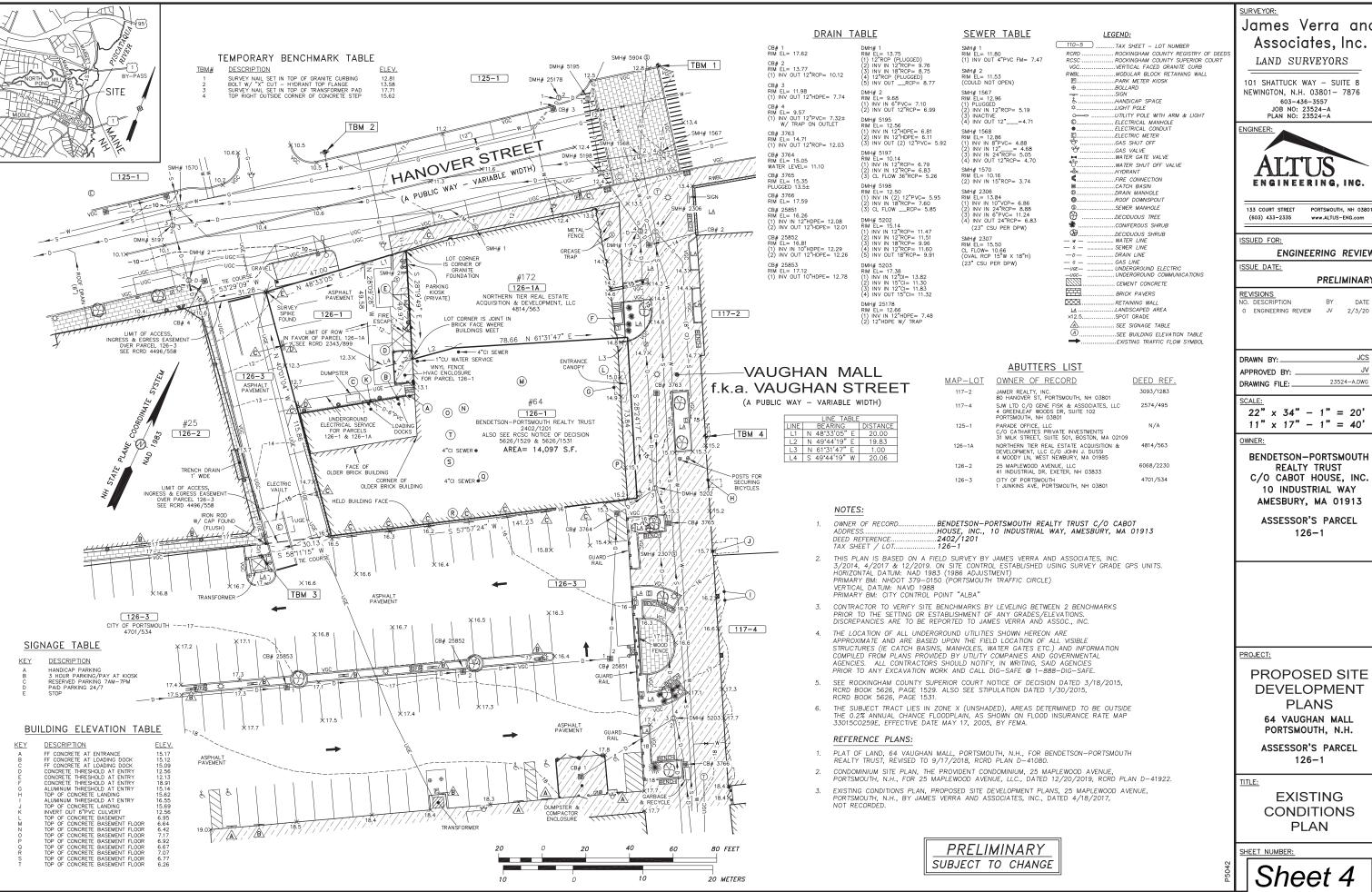












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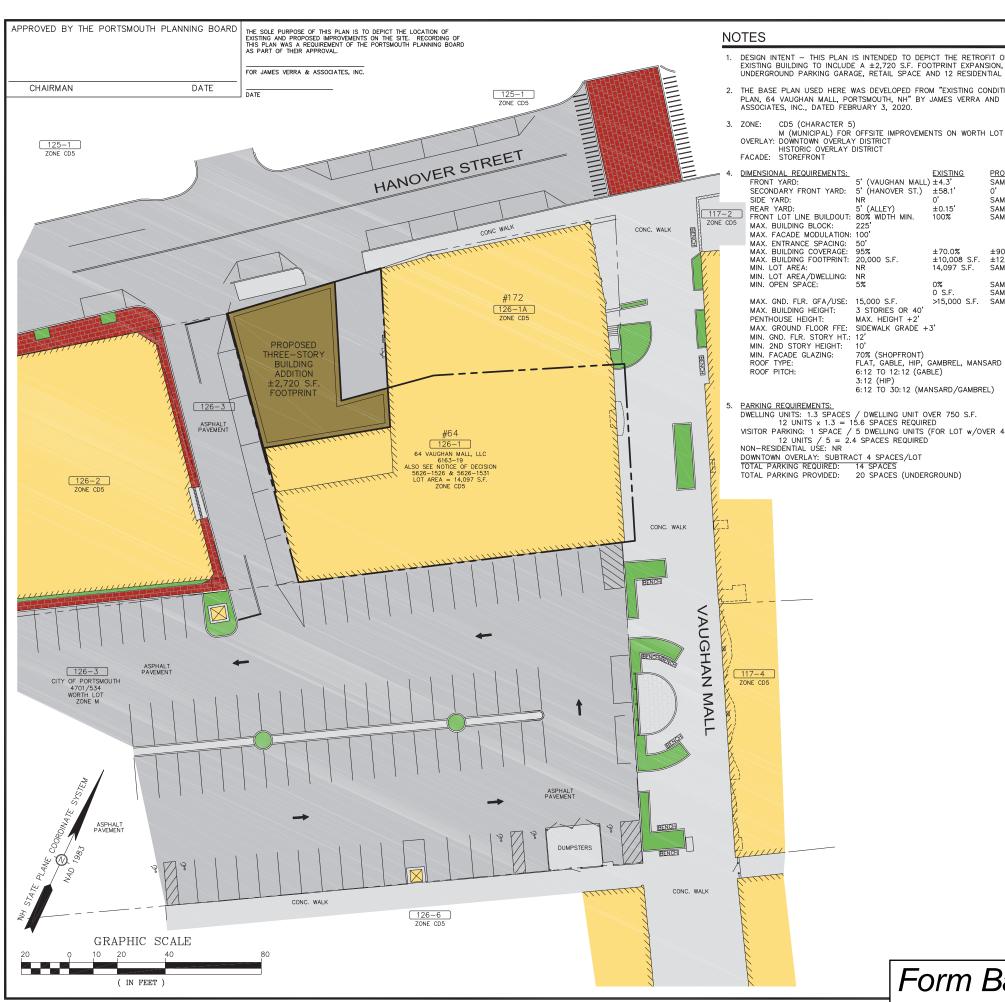
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PROPOSED SITE **DEVELOPMENT PLANS** 

> 64 VAUGHAN MALL PORTSMOUTH, N.H.

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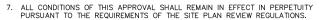
**EXISTING CONDITIONS PLAN** 



- 1. DESIGN INTENT THIS PLAN IS INTENDED TO DEPICT THE RETROFIT OF THE EXISTING BUILDING TO INCLUDE A  $\pm 2,720$  S.F. FOOTPRINT EXPANSION, EXISTING BUILDING TO INCLUDE A ±2,720 S.F. FOOTPRINT EXPANSION, UNDERGROUND PARKING GARAGE, RETAIL SPACE AND 12 RESIDENTIAL UNITS.
- 2. THE BASE PLAN USED HERE WAS DEVELOPED FROM "EXISTING CONDITIONS PLAN, 64 VAUGHAN MALL, PORTSMOUTH, NH" BY JAMES VERRA AND
- M (MUNICIPAL) FOR OFFSITE IMPROVEMENTS ON WORTH LOT
  OVERLAY: DOWNTOWN OVERLAY DISTRICT HISTORIC OVERLAY DISTRICT
  - **EXISTING** PROPOSED 5' (VAUGHAN MALL) ±4.3' SAME 5' (HANOVER ST.) ±58.1 SAME REAR YARD: 5' (ALLEY)
    FRONT LOT LINE BUILDOUT: 80% WIDTH MIN. SAME SAME MAX. BUILDING COVERAGE: 95%
    MAX. BUILDING FOOTPRINT: 20,000 S.F. ±70.0% ±10,008 S.F. 14,097 S.F. ±90.3% ±12,728 S.F. SAME 0% 0 S.F. SAME MAX. GND. FLR. GFA/USE: 15,000 S.F. >15,000 S.F. 3 STORIES OR 40' MAX. GROUND FLOOR FFE: SIDEWALK GRADE +3'
- PARKING REQUIREMENTS: DWELLING UNITS: 1.3 SPACES / DWELLING UNIT OVER 750 S.F. 12 UNITS  $\times$  1.3 = 15.6 SPACES REQUIRED VISITOR PARKING: 1 SPACE / 5 DWELLING UNITS (FOR LOT w/OVER 4 UNITS)

TOTAL PARKING REQUIRED: 14 SPACES
TOTAL PARKING PROVIDED: 20 SPACES (UNDERGROUND)

6. ALL BONDS AND FEES SHALL BE PAID/POSTED PRIOR TO INITIATING



- 8. ALL CONSTRUCTION SHALL MEET THE MINIMUM CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS OF THE CITY OF PORTSMOUTH & NHOOT'S STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR ROAD & BRIDGE, LATEST EDITION. THE MORE STRINGENT SPECIFICATION SHALL
- 9. CLEAN AND COAT VERTICAL FACE OF EXISTING PAVEMENT AT SAWCUT LINE WITH RS-1 IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO PLACING NEW BITUMINOUS CONCRETE.
- 10. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL VERIFY ALL BENCHMARKS AND TOPOGRAPHY IN THE FIELD PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION.
- 11. AREA OF DISTURBANCE IS UNDER 43,560 SF, COVERAGE UNDER EPA NPDES PHASE II CONSTRUCTION GENERAL PERMIT IS NOT REQUIRED.
- 12. PAVEMENT MARKINGS SHALL BE CONSTRUCTED USING WHITE, YELLOW, OR BLUE . PAVEMENT MARKINGS SHALL BE CONSTRUCTED USING WHITE, YELLOW, OR BLUE TRAFFIC PAINT (WHERE SPECIFIED) MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF AASHTO M248, TYPE F OR EQUAL. PAINTED ISLANDS AND LOADING ZONES SHALL BE 4"—WIDE DIAGONAL WHITE LINES 3'—O" O.C. BORDERED BY 4"—WIDE WHITE LINES. PARKING STALLS SHALL BE SEPARATED BY 4"—WIDE WHITE LINES. SEE DETAILS FOR HANDICAP SYMBOLS, SIGNS AND SIGN DETAILS. PAVEMENT MARKINGS SHALL BE INSTALLED AT LEAST 14—DAYS AFTER INSTALLATION OF WEARING COURSE PAVEMENT. CONTRACTOR SHALL APPLY TWO (2) COATS OF
- 13. PAVEMENT MARKINGS AND SIGNS SHALL CONFORM TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE "MANUAL ON UNIFORM TRAFFIC DEVICES," "STANDARD ALPHABETS FOR HIGHWAY SIGNS AND PAVEMENT MARKINGS" AND THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA), LATEST EDITIONS.
- 14. UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, ALL NEW CURBING SHALL BE VERTICAL GRANITE WITH A MINIMUM RADIUS OF 4'.
- 15. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL VERIFY ALL BUILDING DIMENSIONS WITH THE ARCHITECTURAL AND STRUCTURAL DRAWINGS PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION. ANY AND ALL DISCREPANCIES SHALL BE IMMEDIATELY BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF BOTH THE ARCHITECT AND CIVIL ENGINEER FOR RESOLUTION.
- 16. ALL CONDITIONS ON THIS PLAN SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT IN PERPETUITY PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE SITE PLAN REVIEW REGULATIONS.
- 17. ALL IMPROVEMENTS SHOWN ON THIS SITE PLAN SHALL BE CONSTRUCTED AND MAINTAINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PLAN BY THE PROPERTY OWNER AND ALL FUTURE PROPERTY OWNERS. NO CHANGES SHALL BE MADE TO THIS SITE PLAN WITHOUT THE EXPRESS APPROVAL OF THE PORTSMOUTH PLANNING
- 18. THIS SITE PLAN SHALL BE RECORDED IN THE ROCKINGHAM COUNTY REGISTRY
- 19 SITEWORK CONTRACTOR SHALL PREPARE A LICENSED LAND SURVEYOR (LLS) STAMPED AS-BUILT SITE PLAN & PROVIDE A DIGITAL (CAD FORMAT) COPY FOR THE CITY'S G.I.S. DATA BASE.
- 20. TRASH AND RECYCLING SHALL BE STORED INSIDE BUILDING.
- 21. RESTAURANTS SHALL NOT OCCUPY BUILDING WITHOUT THE INSTALLATION OF A GREASE TRAP MEETING CITY CODE.
- 22. STREET ADDRESSES FOR EACH USE SHALL BE DETERMINED BY PORTSMOUTH
- 23. SNOW SHALL BE STORED AT THE EDGE OF PAVEMENT, IN AREAS SHOWN ON THE PLAN, OR TRUCKED OFF SITE



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64 VAUGHAN MALL, LLC

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APPLICANT:

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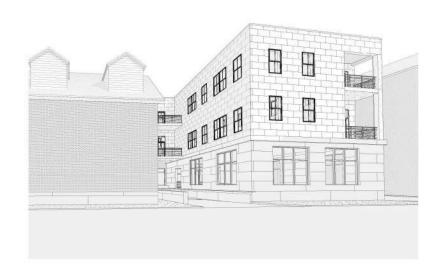
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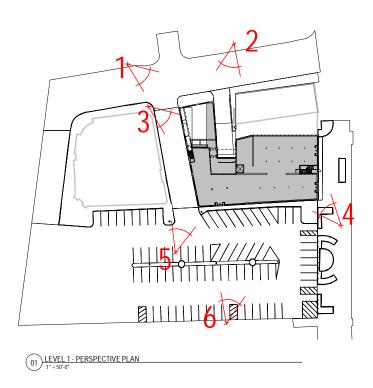
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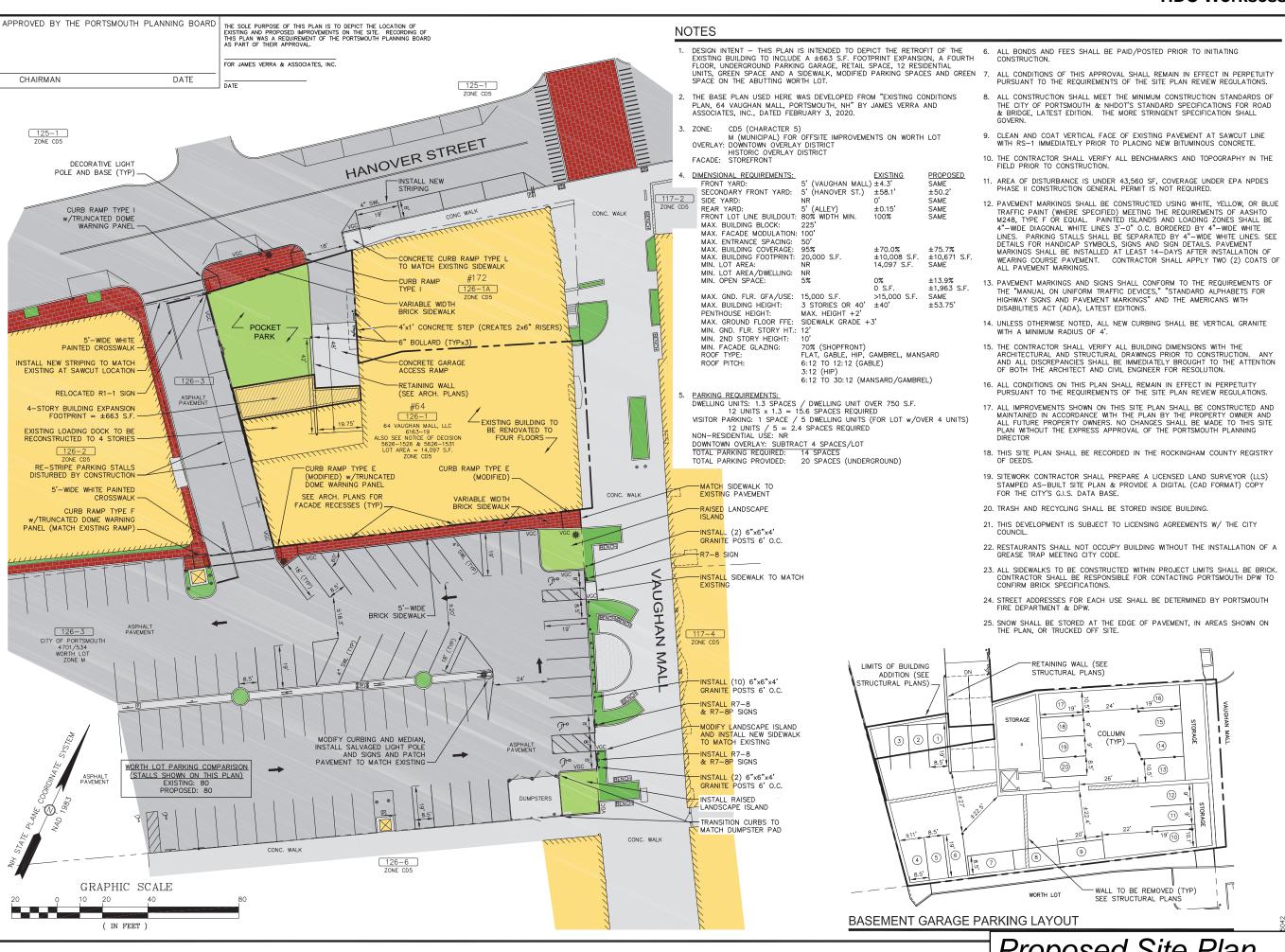
PERSPECTIVE VIEWS - THREE STORY 64 Vaughan Street

Form Based Zoning - Architectural Perspective

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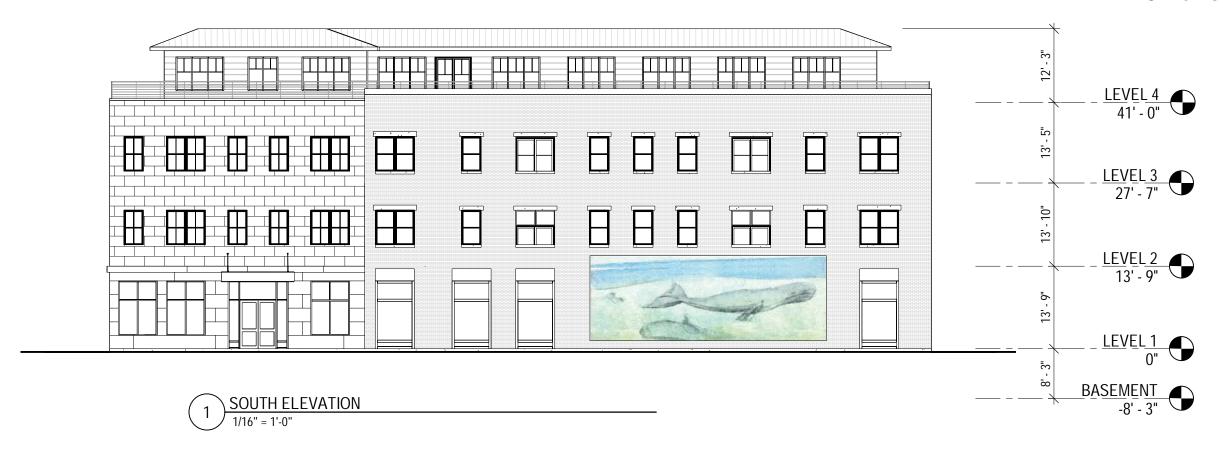
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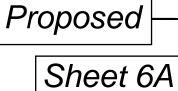
Proposed Site Plan





**EXTERIOR ELEVATIONS** 

64 Vaughan Mall SCALE: 1/16" = 1'-0" 02/22/2021





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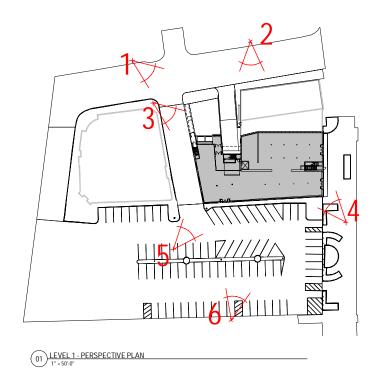




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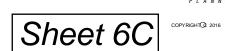
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PERSPECTIVE VIEWS

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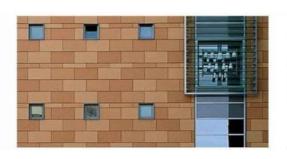














CONCEPTUAL IMAGE - View from Hanover Street

64 Vaughan Street

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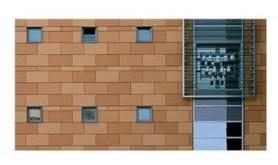
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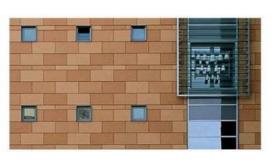
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