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Monitor Way plan ups housing units

Developer now pitching 944 units between Sewalls Falls Road and Exit 17

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A proposed development at Sewall's Falls in north Concord has grown to 944 apartments, condominiums and townhouses, an increase of almost 50% since it was informally presented last summer.

The project, called Monitor Way because much of it would be built on land alongside the Concord Monitor building on Sewalls Falls Road, seeks to build 151 workforce housing units, 327 market-rate apartments within a mixed-use retail center, 223 standalone market-rate apartments, 71 townhouses for sale and 172 condominiums for sale and rent. It would also feature over 100,000 square feet of commercial retail space and another 100,000 square feet of self-storage space.

The conceptual plan calls for buildings to be spaced out around a new road that runs along the east bank of the Merrimack River between Sewalls Falls Road and Exit 17 of I-93.

The project is one of a number of large, mixed-use developments that have been proposed or are being developed in Concord recently. Two of these – Monitor Way and the proposal to replace Steeplegate Mall with 625 apartments and various shops and restaurants – will come

before the Planning Board on Wednesday night for their first conceptual design review, the beginning of what will probably be a lengthy process before final approval.

Monitor Way developers estimate it could generate "more than \$6 million" in annual property tax revenue. The area is currently zoned for industrial use and will require approval from the Concord City Council at a later date to rezone the land

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Expert details ballistic evidence

Logan Clegg was in possession of Glock 17 and 9mm bullets at the time of his arrest

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Bullet fragments recovered from homicide victims Steve and Wendy Reid could have been fired by a Glock similar to the one seized from murder suspect Logan Clegg, a firearms expert testified Tuesday.

"I received a fired bullet and some fragments but the largest part of it was a heavily damaged bullet and I couldn't determine the exact caliber of it," Jill Therriault told jurors in Clegg's murder Merrimack County Superior Court. "The remaining features to me said it could fall into what's called a .38 caliber class, which includes 9mm, .38 special, .357 magnum and .357 sig."

When Clegg was arrested in October 2022, he was in possession of a Glock 17 and two cases of Sig Sauer 9mm ammunition.

During further questioning, Therriault testified that two Sig Sauer 9mm shell casings recovered from the crime scene in May 2022, and bullets and shell casings recovered from a burnt tent site in August 2022 where police say Clegg lived while in Concord, were fired from the

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STATE HOUSE: Committee to oversee charitable gaming elects new chairman; members discuss need to review how much casinos can charge non-profits in rent



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Sen. Timothy Lang (left), Rep. Joe Sweeney and Rep. Richard Ames of the governor's new Ad Hoc Committee met in Room 100 at the State House on Tuesday.

BETTING ON A NEW HAND

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Rental fees and the proliferation of casinos within the state were two of the topics that came up before a new study committee responsible for examining charitable gaming operations in New Hampshire.

State Senator Timothy Lang expressed concern about some charities being surprised when they receive a bill in their mail for rent that cuts into the money they expected to receive.

"I think we need to address the issue of rent as part of this committee," said Lang, a Sanbornton Republican. "I told them there must be a cap on it, but I was wrong; it doesn't sound like there is a cap on the rent."

Charities are required to pay rent to casinos during their scheduled donation events. Fees can fluctuate significantly, ranging from \$250 to \$750 across the 14 casinos in New Hampshire.

Concord Casino owner Andy Sanborn adjusted the fees so he took half of all charity payouts in the form of rent, public records show. Despite Sanborn's other legal which could ban him from operating a casino in the state, his practice of charging whatever he wanted for rent was baked into the state's books.



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Former Rep. Patrick Abrami was named the new chairman of the committee to study New Hampshire's growing charitable gaming industry on Tuesday.

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TRANSPORTATION

State accepts bids for electric chargers

New Hampshire to receive over \$17 million for infrastructure

By DAVID BROOKS
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Developers who want to build fast-charging stations for electric vehicles along interstate highways and Route 202 are being invited to submit plans as part of New Hampshire's belated efforts to join the EV bandwagon.

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation is releasing a Request for Proposals as part of the first phase of the plan for electric vehicle infrastructure deployment. New Hampshire will get more than \$17 million over five years as part of the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure, designed to put half a million new charging stations along major travel routes across the country.

Under Phase 1, EV stations would be built along Interstate 89, Interstate 93 and U.S. Route 202/NH 9 as well as NH 16 along the Maine

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Souvlaki translates from the Greek as "skewer," but a rotating spit and open fire are not necessary to achieve similarly satisfying results in this chicken recipe that turns into great wraps.

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Suspect's gun could've fired bullets found at scene, but test inconclusive

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same firearm. Fifteen different manufacturers are capable of firing Sig Sauer 9mm ammunition, she continued.

A firing test was performed in October 2022 on the Glock 17 seized from Clegg during his arrest earlier in the month. Therriault testified that the bullets and shell casings fired during the test were a match to the bullets and shell casings collected from Clegg's former tent sites in Concord and Vermont.

"I examined a number of shell casings and bullets submitted that I had not yet seen but I knew they came from a different scene than the original crime scene," Therriault said. "They were all Sig Luger 9mm bullets and I concluded those shell casings were all fired from one 9mm pistol based on the agreement of class characteristics and microscopic, individual characteristics. The first set compared to the second set, they were all fired from the same firearm and I determined it was the Glock 17."

However, she said she could not definitively conclude that the gun in Clegg's possession was responsible for the deaths of Steve and Wendy Reid.

"The Glock 17 seized from Logan Clegg could have shot the bullets examined but that is one of 15 different manufacturers that could have shot those bullets," said defense attorney Caroline Smith during cross-examination. "You cannot say that all of the bullets examined were shot from the same gun. The gun that fired the bullet that was found inside Wendy Reid, that you examined, could have been fired by any of those 15 manufactur-



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Firearms expert Jill Therriault shows the jury an enlarged bullet during the morning session. Therriault testified that an examination of bullet fragments recovered from homicide victims Steve and Wendy Reid came back inconclusive but could have been fired by a Glock, similar to the one seized from suspect Logan Clegg testimony at his trial at Merrimack County Superior Court on Tuesday.

ers with polygonal rifling."

When examining bullets, firearm experts look for two specific patterns – conventional rifling, which is a spiral design carved into the metal of the bullet, and polygonal rifling, which have areas of high and low hammering imparted when the bullet is fired.

All of the bullets examined by Therriault had polygonal rifling, she said, and shared similar class characteristics, including the caliber, shape and material of the bullets, the size of the gun they were fired from and the pattern left on the primer of the shell casings, including the bullets recovered from the bodies of the

Reids.

Therriault said Logan Clegg's gun left "individual characteristics" on the bullets it fired during testing.

"It's fair to say some of the individual characteristics that Clegg's gun left on the test fire were not found on any of the bullets found at the scene, correct?" Smith asked.

"That's correct," Therriault said. Smith asked about the connection between the bullets and casings that were collected as evidence at different times but entered together.

"But there's nothing on the bullets that said they were fired from those casings other than that they were submitted in the same case that

connects them," Smith continued.

"I do not know if the shell casings were related to the shooting at all other than that they were submitted with all of the other evidence," Therriault said.

On Tuesday afternoon, prosecutors rested their case after nearly two weeks of testimony.

Smith asked Judge John J. Kissinger to dismiss all indictments against Clegg, including four counts of double homicide and four counts of falsifying physical evidence, arguing the state failed to prove without a reasonable doubt that Clegg was responsible for the deaths of the Reids.

"There is nothing that says Mr. Clegg's gun was the gun that fired the bullets that killed the Reids, there is nothing that narrows it down to the Glock or the model 17 of his individual gun. It is one of millions that could have been fired that caused their deaths," Smith said.

She argued that evidence-sniffing dogs and metal detectors initially missed the shell casings because they weren't there.

"Yes, we are implying that someone planted those casings and the state hasn't done anything to refute it," she said.

Kissinger denied the motion.

"The witness's description generally matched the description of the defendant who, minutes earlier, was seen leaving Shaws across Loudon Road moving in the general direction of the crime scene. The fact that the burnt tent site is observed not to be burned on April 15 and was burned on April 20 is also evidence of a consciousness of guilt," Kissinger said.

The defense has repeatedly argued Clegg fled Concord because of

his criminal past and did not want to be bothered by police, which the judge challenged.

"That is an extreme reaction to say that his motivation was his concern of being detained on a probation violation. The fact that he left Concord after giving a false name to the police and purchased a firearm that could have been used to shoot the Reids is also significant here," Kissinger said. "Coupled with the one-way ticket to Berlin and his searches for Concord news, once on the day of his arrest, is sufficient evidence linking him to the murder of the Reids."

The victims were fatally shot while walking along the Marsh Loop Trail in April 2022. Their bodies were recovered three days later more than 30-yards off the trail in a natural depression, covered by leaves, sticks and other debris. Police spent six months investigating their deaths before arresting Clegg in Vermont in October.

Clegg, 27, is facing four charges of second-degree murder, four charges of falsifying physical evidence and one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm, felonies. If found guilty, he faces life in prison. He has remained held without bail in the Merrimack County House of Corrections in Boscawen since his arrest in October 2022.

The Reids were known for their years of humanitarian work around the world and had moved back to Concord to retire. They were outdoor enthusiasts who frequently walked the Broken Ground trails, family and friends said.

The first witness for the defense, DNA analyst Amber Smith will continue her testimony on Wednesday.



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Monitor Way development conceptual plan, October 2023

Development plan increase housing units

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to allow for mixed-use development.

The site includes 95 acres owned by Newspapers of New England, the Monitor's parent company, and 40 acres owned by the Concord Regional Solid Waste Co-op.

The proposal is part of a statewide trend of large, mixed-use developments in which residents can walk to some stores and services, instead of housing-only complexes where everybody has to drive everywhere.

Concord is seeing a flurry of housing proposals – cur-

rently more than 1,900 units, mostly apartments – have been proposed in several areas of the city. They include about 200 apartments in the Rail Yard in the city's South End off Langdon Avenue, which may start renting in the first phase this fall; a proposal off Manchester Street near Exit 13 of Interstate 93 at the site of the former Concord Drive-in, which would have 266 apartments plus 24 townhomes; and several housing developments such as the 54 units replacing the former Employment Security building on S. Main St., and 59 units of various types near Exit 1 off I-

89 in Bow, just south of the city line.

Elsewhere in the state, Londonderry is looking at a proposal for 300 apartments on 90 acres in what developers are calling a "mixed-use village" as well as Woodmont Commons, which could end up with 1,400 housing units amid offices and shops, while in Salem, the 170-acre Tuscan Village on the site of the for-

mer Rockingham Park race-track aims to build as many as 1,700 apartments and condominiums.

New Hampshire Housing's annual report says the state needs roughly 20,000 more housing units to create enough vacancies and stabilize costs. Down the road, it estimates New Hampshire needs closer to 90,000 new units by 2040.

Fast-charger takeup fueled by tourism

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border. The chosen vendors will be responsible for installing new direct-current (DC) fast-charging stations, along with five years of operation and maintenance.

Such stations are increasingly seen as important for attracting tourists as the number of electric vehicles increases. They are less important for local EV owners, most of whom can charge their vehicles at home.

Compared to the rest of New England, New Hampshire isn't too far behind when it comes to fast-charging public stations, which can replenish a car battery in as little as 15 minutes. The state has more fast chargers than Rhode Island or Vermont, although less than the national median and less than Maine, Massachusetts or Connecticut, according to

the site EVadoption. This is thanks mostly to charging stations built by Tesla to spur sales of its cars.

The Granite State is lagging badly when it comes to the next step down, public Level 2 chargers, which recharge cars in a few hours. These are often installed at workplaces, stores and restaurants.

EVadoption says New Hampshire has just 211 of them, about half the number in Maine, one-third the number in Vermont and less than one-tenth the number in Massachusetts.

New Hampshire has previously sought developers to build public stations using money from the Volkswagen "dieselgate" program but little has come of it.

Proposals will be accepted until 2 p.m. on Friday, December 15, 2023. Bid details are available here.

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