Dedham developer plans \$500 million project

Plans include lab, R&D, apartments, senior housing off Route 128

By Catherine Carlock

A Dedham developer is in the early stages of planning a large-scale project that could, at full buildout, be more than twice the size of the town's Legacy Place shopping center.

The Supreme Cos., a Dedham real estate concern led by Giorgio Petruzziello, is mulling an up to 1.5 million-square-foot, \$500 million laboratory, research and development, and housing project on 57 acres near the Route 128 and 135 interchange.

If approved, the project could become the largest commercial development in Dedham since the Legacy Place retail shopping center opened in 2009, said Dedham Planning Director Jeremy

Rosenberger. A project of 1.5 million square feet would be about as large as The Hub on Causeway, the mixed-use project at North Station and TD Garden in Boston.

The project, which is tentatively called "The Campus at 128," has not yet been formally proposed to the town, and is in its "infancy," said Peter Zahka, an attorney representing Supreme Cos. But given its scale and scope, he and Petruzziello wanted to start the public process early; they gave a preliminary presentation to the Dedham Select Board last month.

"It's very important that you're here in front of us. It's not typical at all for you to be coming in ... but this is not a real typical project," said Dedham Select Board Vice Chair Dimitria Sullivan at the July meeting. "Something of this magnitude (is) really different than what we have seen."

Large-scale campus development proposals have been rare in Greater Boston since the COVID-19 pandemic upended the global commercial real estate market. The Select Board last month wrestled with potential benefits and drawbacks of a project of such magnitude: while it could bring much-needed commercial tax revenue and create local jobs and housing, it would also generate substantial change for an area that has historically been a quiet suburban residential enclave.

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Supreme Cos. of Dedham is in the early stages of planning an up to 1.5 million-square-foot lab and housing development off Routes 128 and 135.



PHOTOS BY LANE TURNER/GLOBE STAFF

Jay Cashman took a bike ride with a Globe reporter near his Back Bay home to discuss what he sees as the future of bike lanes in Boston



How a Back Bay bike lane pitted one Boston businessman against Mayor Michelle Wu

SHIRLEY LEUNG



oston construction mogul Jay Cashman used to be a big supporter of Mayor Michelle Wu. Then came the bike lane on Dartmouth Street in front of his Back Bay mansion.

That was last fall, and the two haven't talked since.

"This is about the whole city for me now," Cashman recalled telling Wu in October. "You basically woke me up. This thing is really wrong."

Cashman is taking bike lane backlash to a whole new level. He's pouring his own time and money



Cashman is pouring his time and money into an advocacy group he launched called Pedal Safe Boston. And while it would be easy to paint Cashman as anti-bike lane, he insists he's not that guy.

'I'm for bike lanes ... but I'm for bike lanes that basically are safe.'

JAY CASHMAN, Pedal Safe Boston

into an advocacy group he launched called Pedal Safe Boston. He's convening neighborhood groups and meeting with lawmakers about legislative fixes to create bike lane standards.

He has even spent \$100,000 to evaluate whether a statewide ballot measure to regulate bike lanes would be a more effective way to make streets safer.

Earlier this month, the 72-yearold businessman took me on a twohour, 10-mile ride to show me what he called "the good, the bad, and the ugly" of bike lanes in Boston.

It would be easy to paint Cashman as anti-bike lane. He insists he's not that guy. He describes himself as a regular cyclist who knows his way around public infrastructure, having made his money as a contractor on massive projects from the Big Dig to dredging harbors.

And when he bikes around Boston, he sees a lot of mistakes and missed opportunities, blaming Wu for prioritizing quantity over quality. Since 2022, the city has added 15 miles of protected bike lanes —

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How can state health policy panel do its job?

With commission restructured, some are citing concerns

JON CHESTO
CHESTO MEANS BUSINESS



Massachusetts lawmakers created the Health Policy Commission in 2012 with one goal in mind: keeping a lid on health care costs.

Easier said than done.

For a while, the HPC's scrutiny seemed to pay off, with medical inflation in Massachusetts curbed at a modest 2 or 3 percent a year. But in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, the figure has blown past a 3.6 percent benchmark during the past three years with no sign of abating, similar to national trends. (In the most recent year tracked, 2023, it hit 9.6 percent, nearly triple the preferred rate of growth.)

And this is in a state where the biggest players — hospitals and health insurers — are nonprofits.

The dilemma around reining in the cost of health care has loomed over a fierce Beacon Hill debate about the Health Policy Commission's makeup.

The dilemma around reining in the cost of health care has loomed over a fierce Beacon Hill debate about the Health Policy Commission's makeup. Last year, lobbyists for hospitals and biotechs pushed for seats on the HPC, while insurers and employer groups resisted. Legislators finally passed a health care reform bill in the last days of December, with the session about to end. Out the door: seats for an employer rep and for a primary care doc. Incoming: representatives from the hospital and biotech sectors.

Proponents argued that the commission had been largely made up of academics and retirees, and would benefit from more real-world experience. Critics, meanwhile, kept making the "fox in the henhouse" analogy — why ask someone whose organization could benefit from rising prices to be responsible for keeping them in check?

With the change in seats baked into law, it seemed all but inevitable that the debate would reemerge when it came time for Governor Maura Healey to make her appointments.

Sure enough, it did.

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Massachusetts State Lottery Commission NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby provided that in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, §2, the Massachusetts State Lotten Commission will hold a public hearing for purposes of gathering comments to earlied amendments to 961 CMR 2.00: Rules and Regulations The amendments as

The amendments add an additional daily drawing to MASS CASH that will go into effect on July 20, 2025, and will eliminate the sale of Season Tickets. These

regulations are governed by M.G.L. c. 10, §24 and M.G.L. c. 30A.

The Massachusetts State Lottery Commission will hold this public hearing remotely on Thursday, September 11, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. To participate in the remote public hearing by telephone, call 1-(972)301-8269 and enter conference ID number 510 769 422# when prompted.

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Can a restructured health policy panel do its job?

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In this case, the uproar last month was mainly caused by Healey's intention to appoint Steve Walsh, head of the Massachusetts Health & Hospital Association, to the commis-

Despite a last-minute lobbying blitz to stop it, Healey went ahead and named Walsh to the commission — with Walsh saying he'll recuse himself from issues concerning his members, likely a long list. (To some extent, this endeavor is personal for Walsh because he helped write the original 2012 law establishing the HPC, as a state rep at the time.) The new biopharma seat, meanwhile, went to Biogen executive Chris Leibman; his sector isn't directly regulated by the HPC like Walsh's.

With those two seats in play, some had hoped Healey would pick someone who doesn't currently work in the sector they represent; the governor did this for two other seats by appointing Umesh Kurpad, former chief financial officer of insurer Point32Health, and Sandra Cottrell, recently retired CEO of the Codman Square Health Center.

Patty Houpt, who held the "employer rep" seat until it was legislated out from under her, isn't thrilled that an employerfriendly voice will be missing now. Before Houpt, formerly the head of the New England Employee Benefits Council, the seat was held by Rick Lord, the longtime Associated Industries of Massachusetts president. From Houpt's perspective, the nearly 4 million people in the state with employer-sponsored insurance should still be at the table, especially as employers and workers pay an increasingly disproportionate share of health care costs.

This game of musical chairs frustrates Jon Hurst, the president of the Retailers Association of Massachusetts. He has long decried the burden that insurance premiums place on his struggling small-business members. This grand HPC experiment simply isn't living up to expectations, from his perspective, not if the mom-and-pop shops in his association keep facing double-digit increases. He doesn't believe the HPC's limited penalties are anywhere near large enough to meaningfully affect hospital budgets. and there aren't any penalties at all for drug and med-device companies.



Legislators passed a health care reform bill in the last days of December that changed the makeup of the commission.

So how does the HPC keep a lid on costs? The 65-person tients because of a PIP, paring them back over an 18-month period that wrapped up early last year.

The end-of-2024 legislation does give the HPC a few more responsibilities, including the remit to analyze the impact of drug costs and more oversight over transactions involving private equity firms or real estate investment trusts. To some extent, lawmakers were reacting to the debacle involving Steward Health Care hospitals, not to mention the rise of PE firms in parts of the health care sys-

One thing this legislation did not do: increase the punishment for noncompliance. The maximum fine for dodging a PIP is \$500,000, a rounding error for a hospital group like MGB, with its \$20 billion annual budget. Paul Hattis, a former HPC member who works with the Lown Institute health care think tank, says the weak penalties give providers too much leeway to decide whether or not they truly need to rein in their

health care spending growth.

Then there's the fact that some of the biggest drivers of health care costs — labor, pharmaceuticals, medical supplies

her new lineup of commissioners, an email went out to hospital networks that raised eyebrows. The note came from Sarah Iselin, chief executive of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, the state's largest health more messing around. She takes the benchmark seriously, the same in upcoming contract negotiations with Blue Cross. The insurer plans to hold the average increase for providers percent threshold.

While hospital executives may disagree with this ultimatum, it's hard to argue with its sense of urgency. Big cuts in Medicaid and other federal funding sources are on the horizon, making it more important than ever to get costs under

intrusion of national for-profit players would ideally bring our hospitals and insurers together to work on solutions. But maybe not, if the dustup over Walsh's

most recent legislation brings some new faces to the table, it's not yet clear how it brings the HPC any closer to its ultimate

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Request for Qualifications for Trade Contractor MBTA Project No. A26CN06R CMAR Foxboro Station Project Foxborough, MA

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The RFQ for Trade Contractors will be available online on starting August 15, 2025, at Bid Express https://www.bid-express.com/businesses/83754/home

Trade Contractors Firms interested in responding to this RFQ MUST submit a completed Trade Contractor SOQ Interest Form to altdelivery@mbta.com as soon as possible and BEFORE the SOQ submittal.

Trade Category Estimated Construction Cost
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City Of Boston Public Improvement Commission

August 14, 2025

This Commission appoints **September 25, 2025**, at 10:00 AM, in Boston City Hall room 801, as the time and place for the Public Hearing to consider the petitioners

A true copy of an order passed by said Commission on said day.
Attest:
Ashley A. Biggins
Acting Executive Secretary

City Of Boston Public Improvement Commission

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First Street and Cypher Street;

• West Frist Street – between C Street and D Street;

• C Street – generally between West First Street and Cypher Street;

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On a petition by the petitioner for a **Grant of Location** to install an electric transformer vault and associated infrastructure within **Whitby Street** (public way), East Boston, located at address no. 16 generally northwest of Ford Street. This Commission appoints **August 28, 2025**, at 10:00 AM, in Boston City Hall room 801, as the time and place for the Public Hearing to consider the petition of the petitioner.

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prompted.

A copy of the proposed amendments referenced above may be downloaded by visiting www.masslottery. com. Anyone wishing to offer comments may participate in the remote public hearing at the designated date and time above or submit written comments. Those who wish to receive a written copy of the proposed amendments, or to submit written comments, may do so by sending an email to cporche@masslottery.com, or by mail to Cecelia Porche, Massachusetts State Lottery Commission, 150 Mount Vernor Street, Dorchester, MA 02125. Written comments must be received

•Stuart Street- on its southerly side at address no. 212, east of Church Street: •Shawmut Street – on its northerly side between Church Street and Cocoanut Grove Lane.

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City Of Boston Public Improvement Commission

On a petition by the petitioner for a **Grant of Location** with lead company status to install new telecommunication infrastructure with City shadow conduit within **Englewood Avenue** (public way), Brighton, located generally between Chiswick Road and Sutherland Road.

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KRISTEN MCCOSH PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION

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City Of Boston Public Improvement Commission

On a petition by the petitioner for a Grant of Location to

•Walworth Street – generally north of Washington Street/ Beech Street; • Washington Street – generally at Walworth Street/ Beech Street.

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City Of Boston Public Improvement Commission

Ordered: That due notice be given that this Commission is of the opinion that in said City of Boston the following public improvements will be considered at the request of the petitioner: Atlantic Oliver II 346 D Street LLC.

On a petition by the petitioner for the granting of a **Projec-**tion License for the installation of a canopy over a portion of the sidewalk within **D Street** (public way), South Boston, located on its northwesterly side at address no. 346, gener-ally between West First Street and Cypher Street.

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Ordered: That due notice be given that this Commission is of the opinion that in said City of Boston the following public improvements will be considered at the request of the petitioner: Atlantic Oliver II 346 D Street LLC.

On a petition by the petitioner for the acceptance of a Pedestrian Easement adjacent to West First Street (public way), South Boston, located on its northeasterly side at the side of 346 D Street, between C Street and D Street.

This Commission appoints August 28, 2025, at 10:00 AM, in Boston City Hall room 801, as the time and place for the Public Hearing to consider the petition of the petitioner.

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agency regularly analyzes the major drivers and reports on them, sometimes issuing policy recommendations. There's also intense oversight work: Any big merger or acquisition gets scrutinized. And then there's the threat of a Performance Improvement Plan: The HPC secretly grills dozens of health care providers and insurers each year if they exceed the benchmark inflation rate. While these reviews don't sound fun, they haven't been financially painful, either: Only one provider, Mass General Brigham, has had to trim its costs to pa-

 aren't directly regulated by As Healey was assembling

insurer. Iselin's message: No and wants hospital CEOs to do across its network below the 3.6

The threats posed by the federal spending pullback and the

appointment is any indication. The bottom line: While the

Dedham developer planning \$500m lab, housing project

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Continued from Page D1 ment and multifamily apartments to a town with a majority residential tax base would be a boon to Dedham's municipal finances, particularly the town's "operational deficit," Rosenberger said. In Dedham, commercial owners pay more than twice the residential property tax rate: a commercial property in fiscal 2025 was taxed at \$26.20 per

residences. Still, he said he's heard from neighbors concerned about potential negative environmental impacts and more traffic.

\$1,000 of assessed value, com-

pared to \$12.62 per \$1,000 for

"The more commercial we can provide, the better off the residential tax base can be." he said. "It's human nature to be concerned about a project of this magnitude. ... There's going to be impacts that are going to be to direct abutters, to traffic, that will need to be figured out." Early plans shown to the Se-

lect Board last month show a possible 400,000 square feet of lab space, 470,000 square feet of research and development space, and 644 apartments on the acreage. Petruzziello later told the Globe he would also plan to include at least one residential building reserved for people age 55 and older. Creating hundreds of apart-

ments would both help ease the

region's massive housing shortage and ease concerns of future lab or R&D tenants when they consider where their employees are going to live, Petruzziello and Zahka said. And Designing Dedham 2035, a master plan approved by the town's planning board last year, calls for promoting resources that would allow more senior homeowners to age in place.

"It's a project that we think, if done correctly ... could be a grand slam for everybody," Zah-Also at the July meeting,

abutting landowner David New-

man asked what consideration

Supreme Cos. has given to neighbors at this stage of the development process. "I, frankly, don't see any consideration to the abutters," Newman said. "I know we're early on in the project, but you're obvi-

ously out of the gate, causing a lot of sleepless nights to most residents on our street." Select Board Chair Erin Boles Welch said the Planning Board

will hold regular meetings that

would include public comment.

A 2022 Town Meeting vote allowed for a planned commercial development on land within a specific residential zoning district, if that commercial development met certain restrictions. At least 60 percent of the project would need to meet the definition of "laboratory, research and development" standards and front Route 128/Interstate 95. That vote sparked the idea that the vacant land could host something substantial, Petruzziello

Three years ago, when Dedham voters approved future lab campuses in residential areas with highway frontage, the lifescience lab market in Greater Boston was peaking in demand and development. These days, however, the landscape looks very different. Nearly 36 percent of life-science lab in the region stands empty, with little by way of tenant demand to fill it.

In an interview, Petruzziello and Zacha said that 57 acres off Route 128 is an ideal location for a planned commercial development. The campus could be home to "tough tech" labs, or labs for artificial intelligence or robotics companies, rather than life-science labs, Petruzziello said. Commercial real estate markets can change swiftly and he wants to be ready with a project when tenants are once again ready to lease up. "It's going to take us two

years to permit, and we want to be ready ... when they're knocking on our door," Petruzziello Petruzziello said the mix of potential uses for The Campus at

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128 is still in flux, but he would

aim to formally propose a proj-

ect with town officials "some-

time in 2026, for sure."

There will be no public opening of Statement of Qualifica-tion responses, but the list of the prequalified Trade Con-tractors for this project will be posted on the MBTA and Bid Express website

Monica Tibbits-Nutt MassDOT Secretary and Chief Executive Officer

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Ordered: That due notice be given that this Commission is of the opinion that in said City of Boston the following public improvements will be considered at the request of the petitioner: 12 Post Office Square LLC.

On a petition by the petitioner for the making of **Specific Repairs** within **Hawes Street** (public way), Böston Proper, located at the side of 12 Post office Square and 10 Liberty Square, generally between Congress Street and Kilby Street.

JASCHA FRANKLIN-HODGE EAMON SHELTON NICHOLAS GOVE TANIA DEL RIO HENRY VITALE KRISTEN MCCOSH PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION

City Of Boston Public Improvement Commission

On a petition by the petitioner for the making of **Specific Repairs** within the following public ways in South Boston: D Street – at address no. 346, generally between West
First Street and Guesa Maria 16, generally between West

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