

SURVEY AND PLANNING GRANT ACTIVITIES DRAFT WORKING DOCUMENT

RE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR, EXECUTE, ACKNOWLEDGE, IMPLEMENT AND DELIVER ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS AS MAY BE CONSIDERED NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE FOR THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICES GRANT: SURVEY AND PLANNING GRANT

The grant funds will be used to hire a consultant to conduct an adaptive reuse study on 198 River Street. The consultant would aim to create a vision for what types of developments would be possible on the site, given physical and economic constraints. The funds will be used to further study the environmental and physical conditions at the site. An initial assessment was conducted in April 2020, but further information must be gathered on how to physically stabilize the building and how much the process would cost, including environmental remediation.

The redevelopment should serve the needs and desires of those it will most affect, so the study should try to best understand how to shape the process to meet residents' needs. This process will include a public engagement component to learn how the site could best serve those who live and work nearby. This engagement process will include awareness-building around the historic resources present in the area and their potential for bringing economic and cultural investment to the area.