



A Year Review of 2017

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- Jan A. Brodie, Executive Director
- Christine M. Sullivan, Director of Development
- Rachel Brask Hutchinson, Comm. Design Specialist

Letter From The Director

The year 2017 has been a bit of a roller coaster. The energy and excitement over the TIGER grant approval for the new Commuter Rail station, what we are now calling Conant Thread district, resulted in weekly meetings to work on long to-do lists. These meetings, led by the Foundation included both cities, RIPTA, DOT, and mayors working steadily on the data collection, reports and funding options needed to plan out all the infrastructure needed by the time the station opens. After 1-1/2 years there is finally a tentative start date for the station from RI DOT - by September 2018.

The Conant Thread district has 2.0 million square feet of historic mill space yet a large financing gap prevents most from any adaptive reuse. That gap had been filled by the RI Historic Tax Credit program in 2003-2008. We are working hard to get the program re-instated to augment what Commerce's Rebuild is not able to do. The federal historic tax credit program has recently been confirmed for funding in the 2018 budget. The federal credit is a needed complement to the state's program.

The Foundation continues to act on placemaking and downtown improvements. A very generous grant from Bristol County Savings Bank will allow for concentrated maintenance and improvement to public spaces in the downtown with the goal of a formal Improvement District that connects the new train station area with a new PawSox public stadium by 2020.

After almost a year of advocacy, hearings, explanations and deal negotiations, the Ballpark at Slater Mill is at serious risk of leaving the state. So many have worked very hard to let our legislators know how important and valuable a state asset the PawSox are, yet the deal is still at risk and may not be approved in January.

The city needs some wins. With Memorial Hospital closing, Hasbro considering alternate locations and the PawSox in limbo, there has never been a more critical time for the leadership of the Pawtucket Foundation. We are working closely with the City; this collaboration doubles the human resources that can be applied to existing and new initiatives, at a time when financial resources are so limited. I feel very positive about the Foundation's ability to have a strong impact on the city's future. Our Board of Directors, Advisory Committee and strong membership represent a great strength of the city and we will draw on that to make 2018 filled with wins.



Jan Brodie
Executive Director

Partnerships



August 9th, Augtoberfest is hosted annually in a partnership between Foolproof Brewing and the Pawtucket Foundation featuring music, food trucks, games, and release of Foolproof's annual Augtoberfest festbier. 2017 was the 5th year of Augtoberfest.

March 30th, the Pawtucket Foundation and the Pawtucket Arts Collaborative partnered on the **Pawtucket Foundation Prize Exhibition**. The annual event highlights and supports the Creative Community of the arts in Pawtucket and recognizes outstanding artistic merit. This year's Foundation prize went to Daniel Koterbay for "Cinnamon".



2017 marked the 10th year and as a tribute to the Pawtucket Foundation for their vision, leadership and support, Pawtucket Arts Collaborative Board member Sandra Basile interviewed each of the past winners and released interviews in a series, which was posted throughout the exhibition.

And Events



December 6th, the City of Pawtucket, City of Central Falls, and the Pawtucket Foundation partnered with Rhode Island's Manufacturing Extension Partnership, and Polaris-MEP, to offer **The Pawtucket-Central Falls Manufacturing Resource Forum** highlighting new and existing resources and initiatives.



September 4th-10th, The City of Pawtucket, the Pawtucket Foundation and the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council hosted the city's first Restaurant Week – **Flavor First** with over 30 restaurants offering specials.



May 20th, artists brought their easels, paints, pastels, and sketchbooks to Wilkinson Park for a "**Pop-up Plein-air Painting in Park Place Pawtucket**" This event was spearheaded by artist Rachel Brask and in partnership with the Samaritans of Rhode Island Forget-Me- Not Gallery.

Community



Pawtucket Proud Day

June 8th, over 110 volunteers contributed 500-plus volunteer hours for the 14th year. The event brings the City's business, nonprofit and resident communities together to beautify and clean up public spaces, parks and gateways. The Golden Bucket Award was given to Navigant Credit Union for their outstanding accomplishments on and beyond Pawtucket Proud Day.

The Historic Tax Credit

Preservation for the cultural and economic enrichment it provides, and its accompanying historic tax credit program are imperative to the feasibility of revitalization. Recapitalizing the highly successful program that ended in 2008 is a high priority for the Foundation, especially in light of Conant Thread district.

20/20

The goal of the 20/20 development plan is prosperity for both residents and businesses, and to attract those from outside to the city. It is comprised of volunteers who have broad reach to statewide (and beyond) populations.

PawSox

High levels of advocacy, outreach, collaboration and just showing up to be heard during a three month push in support of the City, the Mayor, the Sox, the BV region, to insure that Pawtucket is Home to the PawSox.



Impacts



Pawtucket's Downtown Improvement District initiative

Thanks to a generous Bristol County Charitable Foundation Grant, we will with our community partners to kickoff our mini-pilot for a Clean & Safe Downtown Improvement program in 2018.

Commuter Rail

Delays due to scope and budget prevented a groundbreaking in 2017, but Fall 2018 has now been set as the start date for the new P/CF station. The year has allowed advancement of the many planning efforts needed to make the district ready for development...



Conant Thread district

1M SF now vacant and another 1M SF underutilized, of Historic Mill space, poised for redevelopment. A year of parking, access, infrastructure, stormwater, zoning, funding, developer and stakeholder outreach, and district-wide communications effort has taken place in readiness for 2018 investor interest.

CONANT THREAD

Pawtucket Percent for Public Art

The ordinance specifies that one percent of the construction costs for public and private construction projects be set aside for the purchase of public art to be located throughout the city.

Investing in the Community

\$227,000

FY17 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

July 1, 2016- June 30, 2017

Programs & Advocacy
\$88,200



Streetscape
Improvements
\$41,300



Economic Development
\$97,500

Using conservative estimates, this investment translates to an additional ancillary economic impact of approximately \$750,000

2017 Awards



L-R; Person of the Year Award; Michael Baker - Pet Food Experts| Heritage Award; Bristol County Savings Bank (pictured, Patrick Murray & Dennis Kelly)| Honor of Special Distinction; Lori Urso, Slater Mill

SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday April 25, 2018

Pawtucket Armory Arts Center
72 Exchange Street, Pawtucket, RI

Sponsorship opportunities available

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The Community

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Pawtucket Proud Day 2017

\$2500

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\$1000

Bristol County Savings Bank
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Exchange Street Cafe
FoolProof Brewery
Holy Smokes Productions
Isle Brewers Guild
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Pawtucket Amory Arts Center
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MISSION

The Pawtucket Foundation represents the business and not-for-profit sector as an advocate and catalyst for downtown, riverfront and transportation gateway enhancements within the City of Pawtucket. As civic entrepreneurs, we foster a vision of the community's future by mobilizing and coordinating research, information, talent and resources to positively impact the City.

VISION STATEMENT

We envision an attractive, sustainable and livable place with the Blackstone River as the centerpiece of a vibrant, distinctive community with a modernized infrastructure and a 21st-century multi-modal transportation network that serves a thriving business community, a diverse resident population and active visitor market.

