

## Watertown's first new hotel in 50 years opens

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This week after almost a year of construction, the first hotel in more than 50 years opened its doors in Watertown.

Town officials, developers and guests crowded in front of the Marriott Residence Inn on Arsenal Street in Watertown for a ribbon cutting on Tuesday, Sept. 20.

The hotel, located at 570 Arsenal St., is situated across from The Arsenal Project, and adjacent to and across Elm Street from the Watertown Mall. Formerly, the property was home to the first Saab dealership in the United States.

At the opening ceremony on Tuesday, developer William McQuillan, Principal of Boylston Properties, said he was excited about the future of the neighborhood.

“We built a contemporary building on purpose that has a 24/7 life to it,” McQuillan said. “It’s about the future of Watertown, and it’s one of a number of projects going on in the East End that are all about the future of Watertown.”

McQuillan thanked the entire Boylston Properties team, in particular singling out Team Leader Mark Deschenes, and public officials of Watertown, in particular Watertown Town Council President Mark Sideris, who were enthusiastic about the project.

“We’re proud of our project not only because it is in our back yard but because of the quality of the community,” said Deschenes.

Called the Marriott Residence Inn Boston Watertown, the new, extended-stay hotel features 150 suites on six floors, a large meeting room and a total of 845 square feet of meeting space, a pool, fitness center, and complimentary on-site parking.

McQuillan said it was Sideris who first remarked to him about five years ago that Watertown needed a hotel.

“Mark worked tirelessly along with Director of Community Development and Planning Steve Magoon and others to make it happen,” he said.

“A lot of effort has gone into this from all town departments,” said Magoon, speaking at the ceremony.

Sideris said the new hotel is something Watertown sorely needed.

The hotel is owned by Boylston Properties in a joint venture with Stonebridge Companies of Colorado, also the operator.

In recent years, Boylston Properties has become a major stakeholder in Watertown. The development firm has acquired several properties in Watertown, including the Arsenal Mall (now known as The Arsenal Project) and the Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates building, from Simon Property Group, Inc., as well as 490 Arsenal Way, a 185,000-square-foot innovative office/lab building currently under construction as LINX.