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## **Fulcrum Associates begins construction of 8,000 s/f Copper Door Restaurant in Bedford Hills development**

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Fulcrum Associates, Inc. has been selected by Great NH Restaurants Inc., owners of Cactus Jack's and T-Bones restaurants, to build their newest dining venture The Copper Door. The restaurant has been in the planning stages for over a year and a vision of the CEO and owner of Great NH Restaurants, Tom Boucher, for many years. This new concept has been waiting in the wings for Boucher to determine where and when the time was right to launch the new restaurant that will feature an elevated, yet casual dining experience.

"In a nutshell", Boucher said, "The Copper Door will be tasteful but not stuffy. Even the name, The Copper Door, is meant to evoke a level of class but doesn't sound pretentious".

The 8,000 s/f restaurant will be constructed as part of the Bedford Hills development at the intersection of Rte. 101 and Old Bedford Rd. Bedford Hills is a multi-faceted project that will include a coffee shop, bank, assisted living facility and a medical office building all positioned in a park. The new eatery is designed to fill a void between casual and fine dining in the Bedford market.

The Copper Door's business plan included a design statement for its exterior and interior character driven largely by its ownership team. Boucher's wife Dana, has a background in art and interior design, and the two of them have been collecting design ideas for the restaurant for several years. The exterior will borrow stylistically from Shingles Style, and American Craftsman architecture with a touch of whimsical detail, and of course the signature arched top copper door. The vaulted ceilings and exposed timber frame dining and bar areas will accommodate 225 guests including two private dining rooms for either 20 or 40 people. An outdoor pergola covered dining area will accommodate up to another 50 diners. A double sided stone fireplace will separate the main dining and bar areas. The U-shaped zinc top bar surrounded by cocktail and high-top seating is designed to compliment the elevated casual dining experience.

"Our entire team is excited to launch this exciting new project," Boucher said. "As a Bedford resident I truly feel that we will create the type of restaurant the community is looking for."

Dignard Architectural Services provided design services for the project to translate the visions of the ownership team. TF Moran provided civil/site engineering and surveying services for the entire development Bedford Hills development.

Shown (from left) are: Jeff Luter, president of Fulcrum Assoc.; Rick Sawyer, Bedford town planner; Chris Bandazian, Bedford town councilor; Tom Boucher, CEO/owner of Great NH Restaurants; Bill Griener, Great NH Restaurant; Roger Dignard, president of Dignard Architectural Services; Scott DeLorme, architect with Dignard Architectural Services; and Rob Fournier, project manager with Fulcrum Assoc.