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## Pub will open first Northeast location in Foxboro

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FOXBORO - A Florida-based chain of Irish pubs will open its first New England restaurant in Foxboro.

Waxy O'Connor's Irish Pub and Eatery will move into the Shoppes at Chestnut Green, the retail component of the 136-acre Foxboro State Hospital redevelopment off Chestnut Street, project manager David Crocini said.

Waxy's has four locations: two in Miami, and one each in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. and San Antonio, Texas.

"They're totally authentic. They've got a celebrity chef coming in from Miami. We're excited to have them," Crocini said.

Waxy's is expected to apply for one of the three new liquor licenses that selectmen can allocate to Chestnut Green under special legislation approved last year.

The Dynasty Restaurant, a Mandarin Chinese restaurant, and a family-owned pizza parlor also plan to open at Chestnut Green.

The project includes the Shoppes, 55,000 square feet of new retail space; the Offices, 100,000 square feet of office space within the site's historic buildings; 70 Mill-style flats within the historic buildings; 69 new single-family homes; 60 new townhomes; new town recreation areas, to be built in two phases; and the new Foxboro Public Safety Building.

VinCo Properties is leading the development, partnering with the Abrams Group on the flats, Intoccia Construction and Douglas A. King Builders on the homes; and King on the townhomes.

Walgreens expects to open at the Shoppes in March, Crocini said.

The Shoppes also will include Postal Center USA, Babel's Paint and Decorating Stores, the Learning Experience child care center and Reliable Dry Cleaners.

Most of the retail space has been leased, Crocini said.

The first phase of the office space has been completely leased. The rest will be available this summer.

The tenants include Industrial Defender, IBG Financial Partners and High Road Fund