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63 Pleasant St., Watertown MA

## Watertown Office Buy Puts Legacy Over \$30M

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ATERTOWN — An imposing 25,000-sf commercial property just outside bustling Watertown Square has a new owner in Legacy Real Estate Ventures, as the Waltham firm lands its third investment since August, paying \$2.61 million to secure a former Catholic School now functioning as multitenanted office space. The sale of 63 Pleasant St. was brokered by Robert Wallace and backed by a \$1.9 million loan from Cambridge Savings Bank.



Michael L. Price

"It's a great little building," Legacy President Michael L. Price says this week, citing a solid structure featuring high ceilings, large windows, and a layout catering to smaller tenants. The largest denizen is Cory, McPherson, Nash, a creative branding firm occupying just over 5,500 sf. "That's very consistent with what I like," relays Price of such a tenant roster, one featuring the likes of

Steward Healthcare and architects Solomon and Bauer. Legacy has now purchased \$30 million of New England real estate in the past three years, mostly in a recent flurry after the torpid economy made for a slow launch in 2009 and early 2010. "We have enjoyed a nice little run," says Price of the sudden surge, having secured 11 Huron Dr. in Natick in August for \$3.5 million and then buying a Vermont property in late 2010, a commitment detailed by The Real Reporter in its December 10th issue.

Seller Salke Realty LLC was counseled in the 63 Pleasant St. trade by Wallace, a principal at Boston-based Wallace Property Co. As a bonus, the seller who also previously occupied part of the building has opted to remain there, and as of press deadline, Legacy was in talks to fill the last 3,500 sf available. Competitive rents, parking for 67 vehicles, and close proximity to numerous public transit lines have enabled 63 Pleasant St. to remain vibrant, explains Price, with the building's high occupancy belycontinued on page 10





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