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MAJOR POST AWARDED TO WOBURN NATIVE

Greg Ahearn Appointed Cummings Properties General Field Manager

Woburn, MA – Cummings Properties, LLC today announced the appointment of Greg Ahearn, a long-time Woburn resident, to the position of General Field Manager. Ahearn succeeds Woburn native, Robert Venezia, who retired August 31 after 28 years with the Woburn commercial real estate company, which has a long history of hiring local area people.

A graduate of Woburn Memorial High School, Ahearn joined Cummings Properties 15 years ago as a licensed plumber and soon advanced to the position of plumbing team leader. He then served as an associate division manager during a key phase of Cummings' total restoration and rebuilding of the massive former headquarters of United Shoe Machinery Corporation in Beverly. That now 2 million square foot development is known as Cummings Center.

In his new position, Ahearn will directly oversee a diverse group of more than 200 full-time mechanics, maintenance techs, and construction workers of all types. He will also have responsibility for the performance of hundreds of other workers who are employed by dozens of major subcontractors.

Cummings' largest construction project right now is in Woburn. The local firm is currently building a 400,000 square foot office building and 800-car parking garage on Sylvan Road, directly adjacent to Routes 128 and Interstate 95. The first phase of the very large building will be occupied early next year by the Massachusetts Trial Court, which is relocating from Cambridge.

Ahearn says he is looking forward to his new position with great anticipation. "Cummings Properties is a fantastic place to grow and learn," he stated. "We are fortunate to have a superbly talented staff, and I'm excited and eager to really get going," he stated.

Dennis Clarke of Winchester, president and CEO of Cummings Properties, said, "Greg possesses tremendous construction experience, technical knowledge and leadership ability. This impressive combination of talents is hard to find in any one individual, and is essential to his challenging new role." Clarke himself succeeded another lifetime Woburnite, the late Jamie McKeown, as president of the 35 year-old firm.

Still residing in Woburn, Ahearn and his wife, Kris Ahearn, have two sons. Kyle is a student at Woburn Memorial High School, and Ethan attends Kennedy Middle School. Kris, whose prior professional roles include working for the city of Woburn's administration staff, is the office manager for Woburn Public Media Center.

In their spare time, the Ahearns especially enjoy trips to York, Maine, where Greg spends as much time as possible on their boat, and prides himself on his many fishing talents. He assumed his new position on September 4.

Cummings Properties leases commercial space of all types. Altogether, it operates nine million square feet, almost a third of which is now in Woburn. Most of its buildings are owned by and for the benefit of Cummings Foundation, Inc., a private operating foundation, which also owns New Horizons in Woburn and Marlborough, and Veterinary School at Tufts, LLC, in North Grafton, MA.