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PDA Executive Director Addresses Portsmouth Rotary *Green shares Int'l Tradeport successes and future projects*

(Portsmouth) Pease Development Authority (PDA) Executive Director Dick Green spoke to 118 members of the Portsmouth Rotary on Thursday covering everything from new construction to legislation concerning the PDA now being debated in Concord.

“The Pease International Tradeport is a tremendous success story for the Seacoast Region as well as the state of New Hampshire,” said Green. “Today, we have over 225 companies with some 7,000 employees that generate a \$500 million impact to the seacoast economy in payroll and service contracts. This good news has replaced the uncertainty and anxiety that followed the closure of the Pease Air Force Base in 1991.” He added that the Red Hook Brewery where the speech took place is one of those successful Pease tenants.

Green noted the Tradeport continues to grow and that construction projects are everywhere. A total of 795,000 square feet of new business space is currently being built or about to open. This includes Lonza Biologics (330,000 sq.ft.), Newmarket International (78,000 sq.ft.) and Salient Surgical Technologies (56,000 sq.ft.) on the business park side along with Alpha Flying (76,000 sq.ft) and Assist U-S (35,000 sq.ft.) on the air side.

He also discussed the fact the Tradeport has been in the news regularly lately regarding several issues including: proposed renovations at the airport terminal, the loss of Skybus and House Bill 65. Concerning HB65, Green recognized that differences of opinion still exist but stressed, “The PDA’s board of directors and staff want to do what is in the best interest of the people in the region and the state.”

Overall, Green shared his management philosophy with the crowd saying “Success breeds success. And the PDA exists to make projects on the Tradeport work, to help people get jobs and to improve the economy.”