

Mazzetta did not divulge the company's reasons for initially suspending GSP's fresh-fish cutting operation last August before shuttering lobster processing and other operations through the fall and into the winter.

He also did not comment on the layoffs of about 175 temporary and full-time workers, as was confirmed by the state agency that worked with Mazzetta during the closing to place laid-off workers.

Mazzetta did not respond Friday to requests for comment from the Times.

Mazzetta purchased the former Good Harbor Fillet plant at 21-29 Great Republic Drive for about \$5 million in 2014. The company has said it invested another \$13 million retrofitting and upgrading the 65,000 square-foot facility.

Mazzetta also received a Tax Increment Financing Plan from the city that mitigated the company's property tax liability by about \$17,000 over five years.

In January, the Gloucester Daily Times reported that staff from the state's Executive Office of Workforce Development spent parts of the previous five months assisting GSP in trying to place the approximately 175 laid-off workers.

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