Northbridge Memorial Town Hall

Great Hall Interior Restoration Massachusetts Historical Commission Completion Report





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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth 220 Morrissey Boulevard, Boston, Massachusetts 02125 PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT - DEVELOPMENT

Project Number (MHC use only):

Project Name: Northbridge Memorial Town Hall, Great Hall Plaster and Paint Restoration

Property Name (as listed in State Register of Historic Places): Northbridge Memorial Town Hall

Address: 7 Main Street, Whitinsville, MA 01588

Grant Recipient: Town of Northbridge

Title of Authorized Signer: Theodore Kozak, Town Manager

Address: 7 Main Street Whitinsville, MA 01588

Owner: Town of Northbridge

Address: 7 Main Street Whitinsville, MA 01588

Completion Date: May 18, 2017

Total Project Cost: \$139,725

State Share: \$60,000

Recipient Share: \$79,725

- Local Project Coordinator: R. Gary Bechtholdt, Town Planner
- State Supervisors: Paul A. Holtz, Co-Director Grants Division/Historical Architect, MHC MHC Project Manager

Project Supervisor (Architect/Engineer): Wendall C. Kalsow AIA LEED GA McGinley Kalsow & Associates, Inc.

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Project Completion Report Approval:

I hereby certify that project work has been completed in conformance with the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties.*

Date

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INTRODUCTION

The Northbridge Memorial Town Hall was designed by an architect or builder who remains unidentified. Construction on the building began in 1872, and it was completed in 1876. It is prominently located at the corner of Main Street and Douglas Road, which is the major crossroads of town. It sits between John C. Whitin's Machine Works to the west, and Charles P. Whitin's Cotton Mill to the east.

The Town Hall was conceived and financed by two sons of the Whitin family, and was built as a memorial to their father and mother. For many years, the Whitin family owned most of the industrial mill complexes located in the town. The Whiting family homestead used to occupy the current town hall site, until the two sons had it moved to a new location on Linwood Avenue.

Until 1958, the Whitin family paid for the maintenance and hating of the building. It was originally used as a social venue and as the location of the local library. It has functioned as the local seat of town government since 1876. Through a grant from the Massachusetts Historical Commission MPPF Program, the Town has been able to restore approximately 78 double-hung and semi-circular windows at the perimeter of the first and second floors.

PURPOSE OF PROJECT

The purpose of this project is to restore the deteriorated decorative plaster and paint in the Great Hall ceiling. cove, cornice, walls and wainscoting, so that the Great Hall can return to its intended use for town meetings and functions. The Great Hall plaster and paint had been severely damaged by chronic roof leaks prior to the c.2000 roof replacement project.

USE OF PROPERTY

The Northbridge Memorial Town Hall will continue to be used as the seat of local government for the Town of Northbridge.

SECTION I

1. COMPARATIVE BUDGET

Work Categories per Contract Division 1 - General	Estimated Cost per Contract	Actual Bid	Change Orders	Final Cost	
a. <u>Conditions</u>	\$15,000		\$0		
Division 2 - Demolition b. (<u>Asbestos</u>) Division 7 - Thermal	\$2,975			\$2,975	
c. <u>& Moisture (Roof Repa</u> irs)	\$0	\$19,000	(\$-2,850)	\$16,150	
Division 9 - Finishes d. (P <u>laster)</u>	\$50,000	\$41,500	\$13,500	\$55,000	
Division 9 - Finishes e. (<u>Paint)</u>	\$85,000	\$56,000	\$9,600	\$65,600	
f					
g					
Total Project Cost:	\$152,975			\$139,725	
2. SUMMARY OF FUNDI	NG SOURCES Estimated per Contract		Ad	ctual	
tate Share: \$50,000			\$60,000	\$60,000	
Non-State Share:	\$102,975		\$79,725		
Donor: Town of Northbridge		Donor:	Town of Northbridge		
Source: Town-Approved Warrant		Source:	own Appropriation/Building Maintenance Fund		
Kind: Town Funds		Kind:	Town Funds	Town Funds	
Amount: Up to \$150,000.00 (appropriation/borrowing))Amount:	\$79,725.00		
Endowment Fund					
Donor:					
Source:					
Kind:					
Amount:					

SECTION II

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

□ Since project work was limited to the exterior of the structure which can be seen from a public rightof-way, and structural improvements, public benefit requirements are deemed satisfied. A copy of the preservation restriction for maintenance and administration has been incorporated into the deed and is included in this section.

Project involved interior work. The property is open to the public on the following days:

Hours of operation are:

Mondays 8:30am-7:00pm, Tuesdays-Thursdays 8:30am-4:30pm, Fridays 8:30am-1:00pm

This restriction has been recorded in the Worcester County Registry of Deeds at Book 22303, Pages 188-193 in perpetuity.

Date recorded: February 9, 2000.

SECTION III

NARRATIVE REPORT

PROJECT NARRATIVE

Historic Background

The Whitin Family, for whom the village of Whitinsville in the Town of Northbridge is named, made their fortune in textile manufacturing. Paul Whitin (1767-1831) established the *Northbridge Cotton Manufacturing Company* in 1809 with his father-in-law James Fletcher, who owned an iron forgery. The business thrived as a result of the recent embargo on British imports, increasing the demand for American-produced textiles. In the 1820s, Paul bought out his brother-in-law, establishing *P. Whitin and Sons*. When Paul Whitin died, the business passed to his sons: Paul Jr., John, Charles and James Whitin, and his widow Betsey Whitin (1777-1868). They continued to expand the business, eventually operating six mills in Northbridge and the surrounding towns. In 1863, Betsey wished to divest her interest in the company, and the various mills were divided separately among the brothers.



Paul Whitin, founder of Northbridge Cotton Manufacturing Company.

After Betsey Whitin passed away in 1868, her sons, John and Charles Whitin decided to honor the memory of their father and mother with a gift to the town. In 1872 construction started on the present Memorial Town Hall, which the brothers erected on the site of the homestead where they grew up. The building's architect and builder were not identified. The corner lot is located at a major crossroads, Main Street and Douglas Road, and sits between John C. Whitin's Machine Works to the west, and Charles P. Whitin's Cotton Mill to the east. By 1876 the town hall was completed and dedicated to the town as a memorial to their father and mother along with \$10,000 as a trust for upkeep. Edwin and Arthur Whitin, members of the generations of Paul and Betsey Whitin's family, later added \$5,000 more to the trust.



The Northbridge Town Hall was built in the Early Classical Revival style, which was popular in the early decades after the Revolution, continuing into the mid-19th century. The style was brought to the United States by architects who had studied classical Greek and Roman architecture in Europe, and sought to incorporate those stylistic choices into an American architectural tradition. This was especially true of architects designing civic buildings, as many leaders were hoping to make a connection between the democracy of the ancient Greek and Roman civilizations and that of the New Republic. You can see the influence of the Early Classical Revival style on the Northbridge Town Hall in the Doric columns at both porticos and the emphasis on geometry and tripartite symmetry in the front façade. The slate roof with red brick pedimented gables, red brick masonry bearing walls and granite stringcourses, keystones, sills and rock faced granite foundation also contribute to the architectural significance of this historic building.



Northbridge Town Hall, c.1899

The Memorial Town Hall has functioned as the local seat of town government since opening in 1876, when they moved from the meeting hall at Northbridge Center. The Whitinsville Social Library, now at 17 Church Street, was also located in the Town Hall between 1876 and 1912. On May 13, 1958 the care of the town hall was transferred from a Board of Trustees to Selectmen of the Town. The only major changes to the building have been aluminum doors put at the front entrance, a fire escape addition and an enclosed stair and elevator addition

In the early twentieth century, building codes and an increased concern for fire safety prompted the addition of many fire escapes to public buildings, especially those with second floor auditoriums. These utilitarian fire escapes usually detracted from the appearance of the historic buildings. Not only was Northbridge's fire escape unattractive, it was deteriorated and no longer needed since an enclosed stair and elevator addition was constructed in 1998. This fire escape was removed and the original auditorium window replicated.

In 2000 the existing slate roof was replaced with a new slate roof. In 2012 and 2013, the windows throughout the town hall were restored and some additional roof and masonry repairs were completed making the building watertight. However, the repair of water damaged interior finishes, especially damaged plaster and paint in the Great Hall, was not included because of budget limitations.

The property is listed on the National Register of Historic Places as contributing to the Whitinsville Historic District, and individually on the State Register of Historic Places. In the year 2000, a preservation restriction in perpetuity was recorded, with the Massachusetts Historical Commission as part of matching grant to replace the roof. On the interior, the building is remarkably unchanged on the main and upper floors. Naturally finished wood wainscots, door and window trim have never been painted over with opaque finished. The original main entry doors have been lost at the north portico, but most of the original building fabric from 1876 survives.

The Town of Northbridge has encountered many of the economic challenges that face gateway communities in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts that helped lead the American Industrial Revolution. Even with these economic constraints, the Town of Northbridge has shown both pride and commitment in the 2013 exterior repair and restoration of the Northbridge Town Hall, which focused on meeting the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties*. In 2014, the Massachusetts Historical Commission recognized the restoration with a Preservation Award.

Prior to c. 2000, there was a period of chronic roof leaks which caused significant damage to the plaster and paint in the Great Hall which occupies the entire Second Floor. In c.2000 new slate was installed and the water infiltration stopped. Some minor roofing work was completed in 2013, as part of a Round 18 MPPF Grant. There are four major components to the Round 20 Great Hall Plaster and Paint Restoration Project.

Asbestos Abatement

In doing due diligence, we had sampling and testing done to determine if there was lead containing paint and/or asbestos containing materials (ACMs.) Most paint samples came back positive for the presence of lead, as expected. Two samples came back positive for the presence of ACMs but the industrial hygienist did not record where the specific examples were taken. Following discussion with the hygienist, a decision was made by the Town of Northbridge to engage a new industrial hygienist (FLI) who has more experience with public procurement projects. Additional testing determined that the ACMs were limited to a relatively small area, (approx. 4' x 6') of the plaster patching done on the North Balcony Wall. Documents were prepared by FLI and this area was abated by Baystate Contracting Services.

Plaster Repair and Restoration

An extensive amount of plaster repairs and restoration was completed by Westmill Preservation Services, LLC. Deteriorated plaster was first removed to expose sound plaster or wood lath. Four different repair techniques were used depending on the specific conditions:

1. Traditional scratch, brown and finish coats were hand-applied to wood lath.

- 2. Linear modelings were draw-in-place, matching the profiles of original adjoining modelings.
- 3. Large, non-linear modelings were replicated by making latex molds of sound sections of plaster. Casting plaster was used to replicate the damaged or missing moldings.
- 4. Extensive stabilization of the ceiling was completed using an acrylic emulsion injection system by Rohn and Haus to resecure the plaster to the wood lath.

Paint Restoration

Extensive paint analysis was completed by Sara Chase to determine the original Great Hall paint colors. Fox Painting from Arlington, MA was the selected painting contractor. The c. 1970 light blue walls and white ceiling was replaced with the original paint scheme. Replication of the original seven color paint scheme can be seen in the project photos.

Roof Repairs

Although the roof had been watertight for several years, it started leaking during the paint restoration project. Using an expedited procurement process, Gilbert and Becker was selected to make roofing repairs. The majority of roof repairs were resoldering the chimney crickets and repairing chimney flashing.



Postcard featuring Northbridge Town Hall, circa 1960.



1. View of Great Hall ceiling cove, showing deterioration.



2. Close-up showing metal template used for creating a drawn molding in plaster.



3. Close-up showing wet plaster of a recently drawn section of molding



4. Temporary "button" can be seen, which are used to hold the plaster in place while the adhesive that secures the loose plaster to the wood lath dries.



5. This section of asbestos containing plaster was removed by the abatement contractor. Full containment was first constructed to contain all AMC containing dust.



6. Scratch coat of plaster applied to wall area which have been abated and area of deteriorated ceiling plaster.



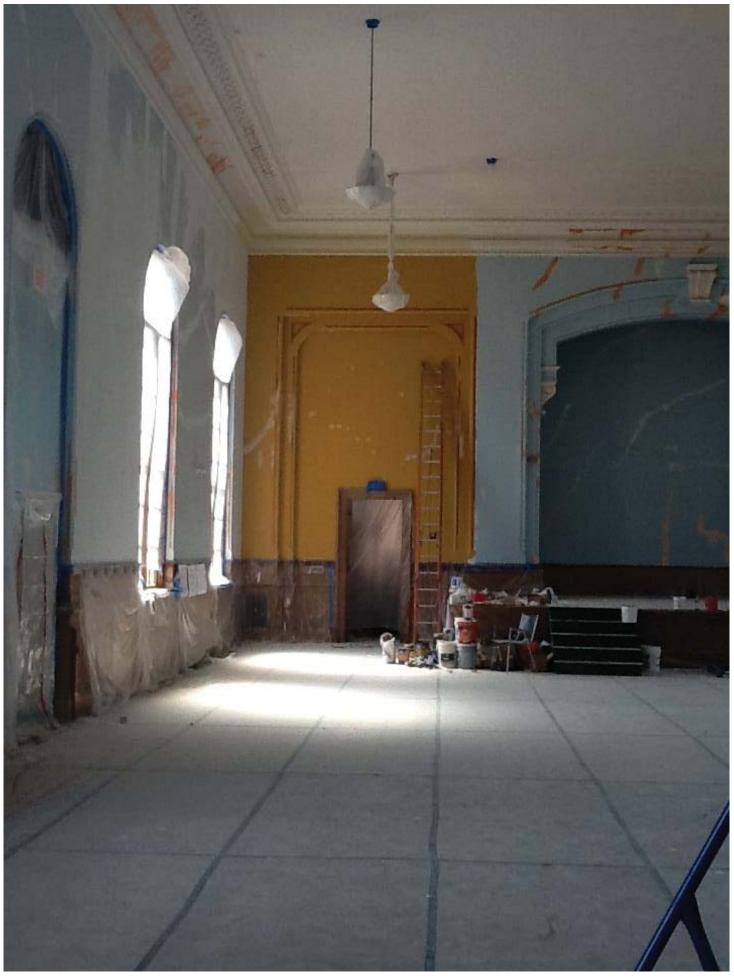
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8. Paint preparation work in progress.



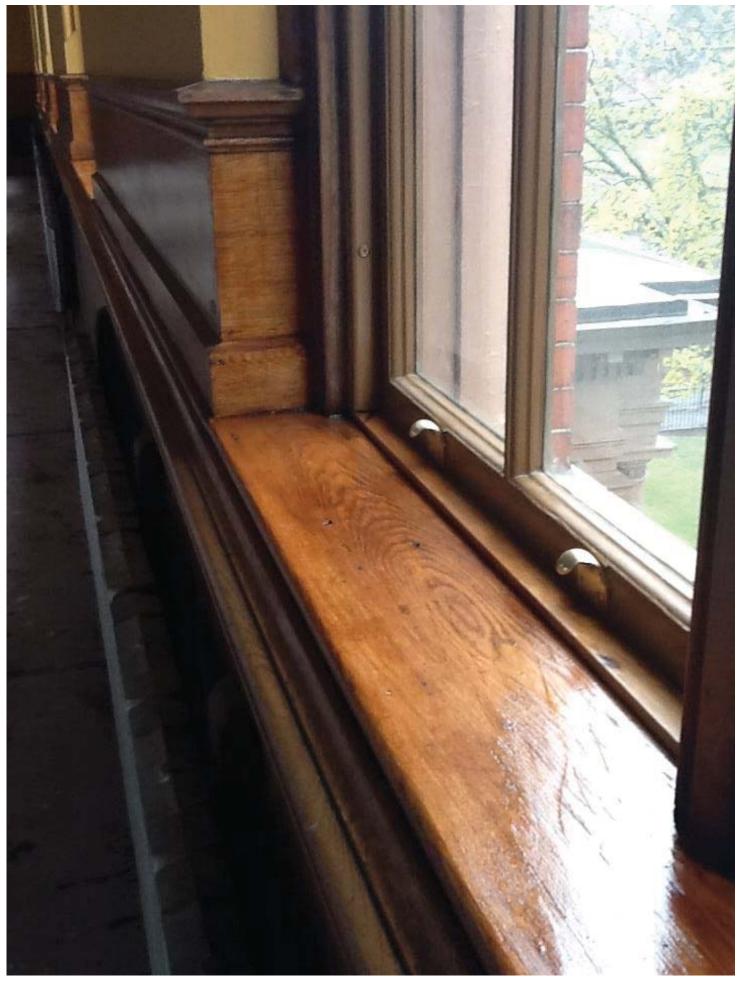
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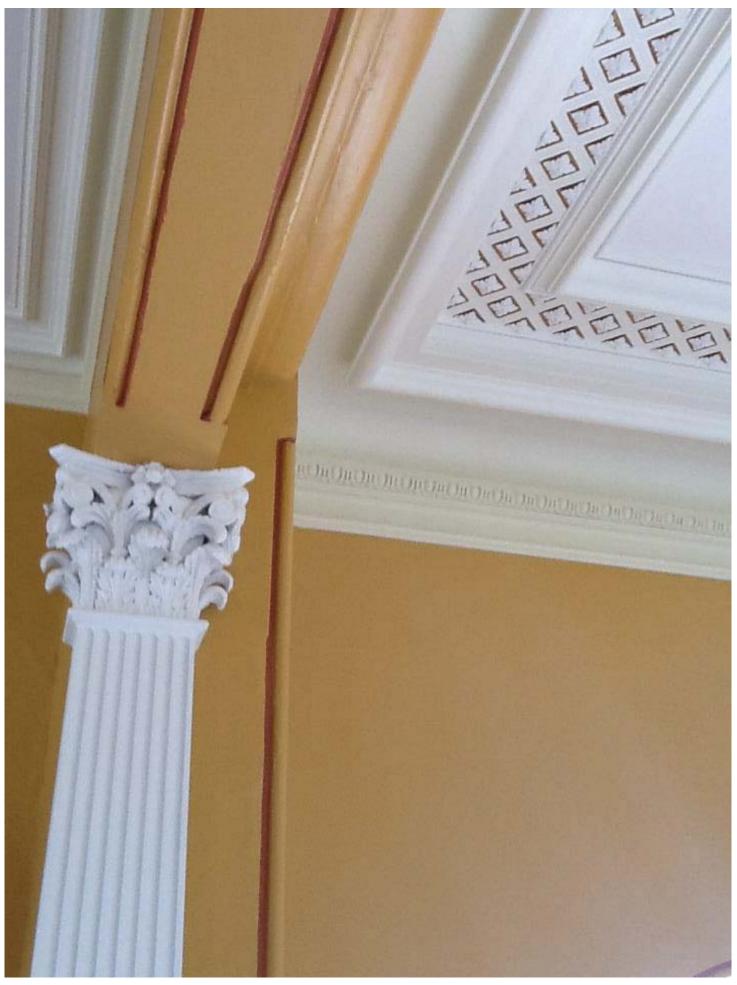
10. Overall view of paint mock-up.



11. Lobby located below balcony.



^{12.} Refinished window sill.

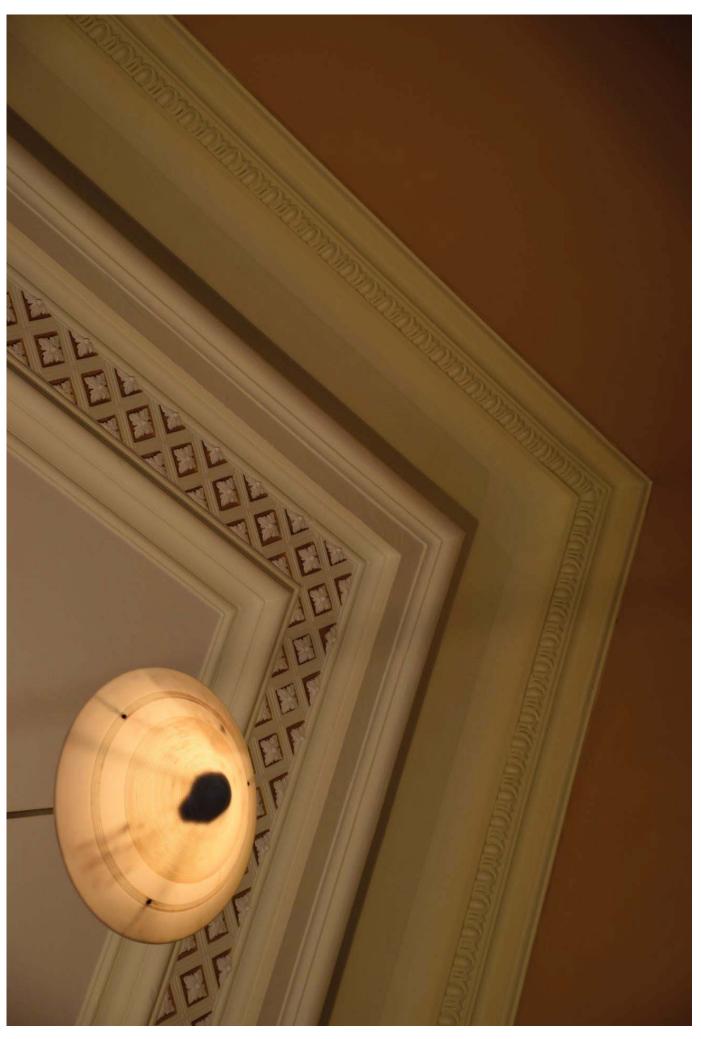


13. Refinished pilaster and ceiling between the Great Hall and balcony.



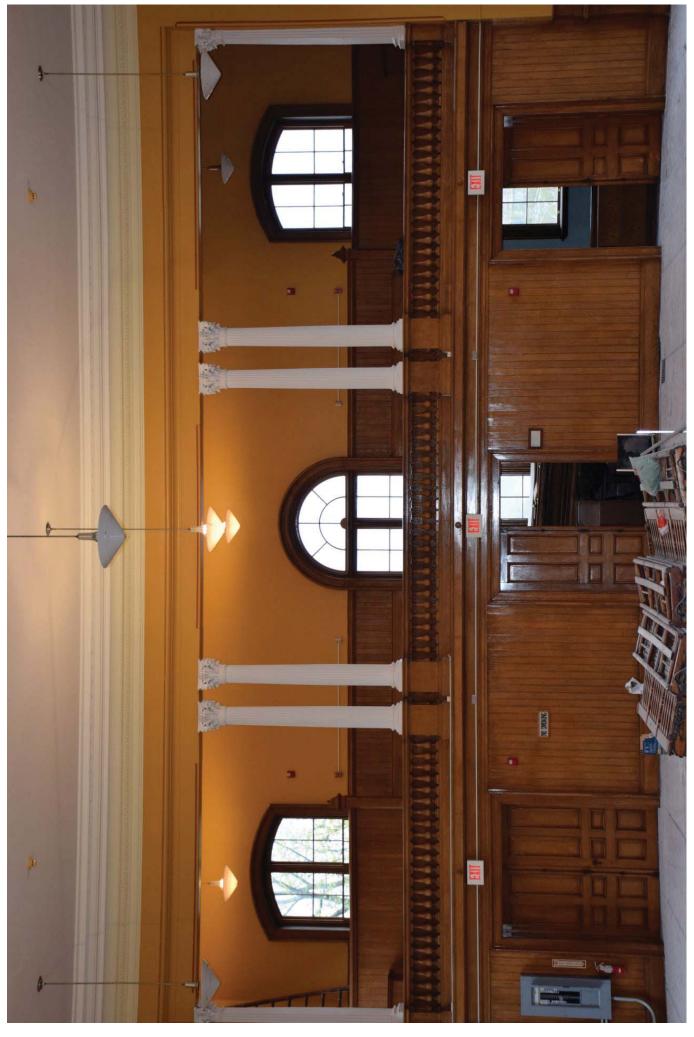


15. Refinished central rosette.

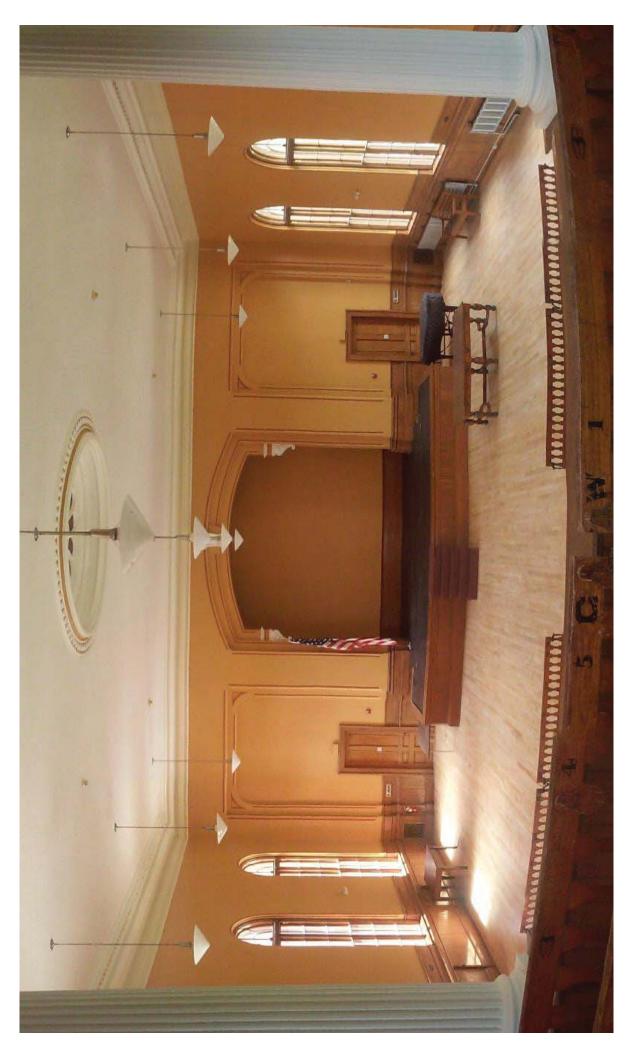




17. Close-up view of small ceiling cove bosses.



18. View looking toward balcony.



19. View toward stage, taken from balcony.

SECTION IV

STATE SITE VISIT COMMENTS

SECTION V

DOCUMENTATION OF JOB CREATION STATISTICS & OTHER SPECIAL CONDITIONS

Job Creation Statistics:

Hours worked: 1,390 (Total Number of Hours Worked—general contractor plus sub-contractors, combined—including construction management and administration, but excluding architect's hours)

Other Special Conditions:

Summary of the Special Conditions identified for the project in Attachment A of the MHC contract—what they were and how were they met.

APPENDICES

PROJECT SUPERVISOR CERTIFICATION

PAINT ANALYSIS

LIST OF PROJECT PARTICIPANTS: ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, CONSULTANTS, GENERAL CONTRACTOR AND SUBCONTRACTORS

MHC INVENTORY FORM

PRODUCT SUBMITTAL INFORMATION

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION SUCH AS NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS, MEETING MINUTES, ETC. (OPTIONAL)



ARCHITECT/PRESERVATION CONSULTANT CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify to the best of my knowledge that project work has been completed in performance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties.

<u>6/26/17</u> Date

Wendall C. Kalsow AIA, LEED GA President/Principal

Historical Paint Study Field Notes sbc 8/23/16

Given by Whitin family—1872 and completed in 1876

Electricity c. 1891 or later (Worcester City Hall = 1898)

Victorian central Great Hall Chandelier removed—when? Changed from oil to gas or gas and electris?

-rosettes added to form a circle outside the moldings which area around the central "360 degree fan" of vent figures.

Those have outer ends replicating the half-quatrefoils which appear as a border on the ceiling after the deep cove (and its return to the ceiling plane) of the basic cornice. I think the egg-and-dart border at the wall base of that cove is also a classical addition.

So, one can sort out the High Victorian design features (e.g., all woodwork), then sort out the neo-classical features:

Classical:

- fluted columns,
- Corinthian/composite capitals
- •rosettes, (or "bosses?)
- •quatrefoils
- •scroll brackets (proscenium arch ends sort of) at stage
- •scroll center arch of stage

Victorian:

•two panels with single recessed area on either side of stage outer one w. a square top, and inner one with corner curves

•heroic scale bull nose (better name?) moldings, emphasized by recessed settings on: a) windows

(b)arched trim of stage (three different levels with shallow elliptical arches receding toward back of stage)

(c) at outside edge of pilasters framing balcony front

(d) very slightly reddish warm golden "maple" ?

Interesting note:

stenciled labels on folding wood bench seats with cst iron hardware says that the company got its patent in $1871\,$

so, if used in 1872 at opening, must have seemed very up to date. (stage? or later?)

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Like exterior, a combination of High Victorian Public Building color & style (very big nearly 360 degree moldings, and corners nearly all elaborated by beads "held" in incised " troughs" which end in tapered points (all plaster). Those troughs are painted the one accent color—matched by SW Canyon Clay

[There is one exception: the "troughs" in panels flanking the stage where "corner beads" are set in have squared off ends.]

NOTE: all historic paints except whites were distemper & satin or matte !

MAIN HALL floor light/med.maple 3"

wainscot 3" single bead board ca. 3' high with 1' above chair rail same as floor

walls (incl. bead around windows and bkgrd of bead painted plaster v. thin shellac sealer light brighter ochre BM HC-8 Dorset Gold thick med. duller ochre **California HCA Georgian Yellow** lt gray prmer SW 0029 Acanthus light true willow green medium slightly bluish green SW 0019 Festoon Aqua thin light gray (primer) present light blues 1+skimcoat+ present 1 cornice=-see separate notes SW 2829 Classical White wide bead fascia egg and dart thick bead very deep SYMMETRICAL COVE VERY WIDE BEAD CAVETTO soffit bead fascia quatrefoil/ribbed lattice fat bead small cavetto head second paint SW 0050 Classic Light Buff

N-bridge Town Hall Great Hall

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CEILING

N.B. sampled for scope from both sound and damaged SW 2833 Roycroft Vellum

VIP CENTRAL MEDALLION—chips taken by Jim "classical ivory" on figure warmer off-white on rim

BALCONY

Note: all elements of four columns and 2 pilasaters are semi-gloss "rubbed" very whitish i ivory SW 7100 Arcade White sztin, (maybe even semi-gloss?

The whiteness of the classical elements is echoed in the classical brackets on the stage surround (not quite a prowcenium).

Walls: ochre first finish, but not repeated as on main floor BM-HC-8 Dorset Gold lighter, and then bluer green—SW 0029 Acanthus, then 0019 Fetsoon Aqua

Ceiling: SW 2833 Roycrft Vellum

The architrave which spans the columns has inset bead corners like windows, but not quite like Stage area at front (opposite end) of the Hall.

{Sample from spandrel shows green "washed" or hand sanded partially off Plaster has some glitter in it—sparse.? There was a recent period with a greenish color on the ceiling.

The light gray primer goes under the parts of the pilaster capital that I can lift. May have been intended to make white finish paint on top look slightly more like marble?

STAGE WALL

at the back, there seems to be maybe a pale blue gray –on plaster—below everything else which IS water soluble. Is that what went with the classical ivory?

never mind. brass switch plate to the north side of stage (area where stage curtain could be?) painted over green & blue. Behind it is "soiled' ochre wall, cut into to install it. On back of brass plate in totally plain straight incised lettering "The Hart and Hegeman Company." Looked up on-line: Incorporated 1891, Hartford, CT.

So: this hall was probably given electricity around then—or, like Worcester City Hall, 1898. Before that: ochre

Northbridge Town Hall Great Hall historic paints

Microscope shows:

generally all vertical surfaces: plaster

medium warm ochre slightly darker ochre thin o-w primer thin light dull green soft green thin medium green ("true" green) deeper and slightly blue green (specks of Pr blue?) thin light gray?

Decorative treatment –with ochres period (earliest two paints) but not repeated with the later greens:

VIP ALL concave "troughs" which held nearly full-cylinder (plaster) rods had a ;very thin but clear terra cotta layer of opaque matte paint SW 7701 Cavern Clay

Except for the stepped panels on either side of the stage, and the "proscenium" there, the "rods-in-troughs " occurred at corners.

[It was as though the concept was to make a typical "corner bead" assume greater visual importance----possibly since they were of a rather large scale in this high-ceilinged hall.

One note of the original finish of the wood in the hall: removal of a knob set on the stage side of a door to the left as you face the stage shows a slightly lighter and more golden or amber look to the wood. If the woodwork is cleaned, it might get closer to that color, which does harmonize well with the ochre wall treatment.

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Historic Name:	Northbridge Town Hall	1
Common Name:		188
Address:	7 Main St	
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City/Town:	Northbridge	4
Village/Neighborhood:	Whitinsville	
Local No:	3	ġ
Year Constructed:	1872	
Architect(s):		
Architectural Style(s):	Classical Revival	
Use(s):	Town Hall	
Significance:	Architecture; Politics Government; Social History	
Area(s):	NBD.A: Whitinsville Historic District	
Designation(s):	Nat'l Register District (04/09/1983); Preservation Restriction (02/09/2000)	
Building Materials(s):	Wall: Brick; Granite; Wood Foundation: Granite	

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NBD.27 NRDK-46 BZ USES -UNBRIDGE FOR Form no. In Area no. MASS Office 1. Town Northbridge - Whitinsville Douglas Road Address Northbridge Town Hall Name Town Hall Present use 2. Ph Sta Ph Present owner Town of Northbridge 3. Description: ca 1872 Date Exterior Source Style Elements of Italianate Unknown 4. Ma Architect inı oth Exterior wall fabric Brick/Granite trim Outbuildings (describe) None Other features Recessed wall panels with corbelling, arched window heads with granite keystones, pedimented gables with keystoned. oculus: Main Street Altered Glass Metal Doo Date 1970s Moved No Date Entry poiches with unfluted columns (Resultes egg a dort of contract) Lot size: One acre or less X Over one acre Approximate frontage Approximate distance of building from street Rd Douglas Recorded by Northbridge Historical Commission Organization Date Main ST (over)

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7. Original owner (if known)

Town of Northbridge

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Subsequent uses (if any) and dates

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal Agricultural	•	Conservation Education		Recreation Religion	690) - 639 61 -01-616 (1
Architectural • The Arts		Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	10 7007-070 0
Commerce		Industry		Social/	
Communication Community development	<u> </u>	Military Political	X	humanitarian Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

After Betsy Whitin, widow of Paul Whitin, passed away in 1868, two of her sons, John C. and Charles P. Whitin, decided to do something for the town in honor of their father and mother, after whom the village of Whitinsville is named. They decided to have erected upon the site of the homestead they grew up in a memorial town hall. They had the homestead moved down the street to the present Linwood Avenue and in 1872 construction started on the present Memorial Town Hall. By 1876 it was completed and was dedicated to the town in that year as a memorial to their father and mother along with \$10,000 as a trust for upkeep. Edwin and Arthur Whitin later added \$5,000 more to the trust.

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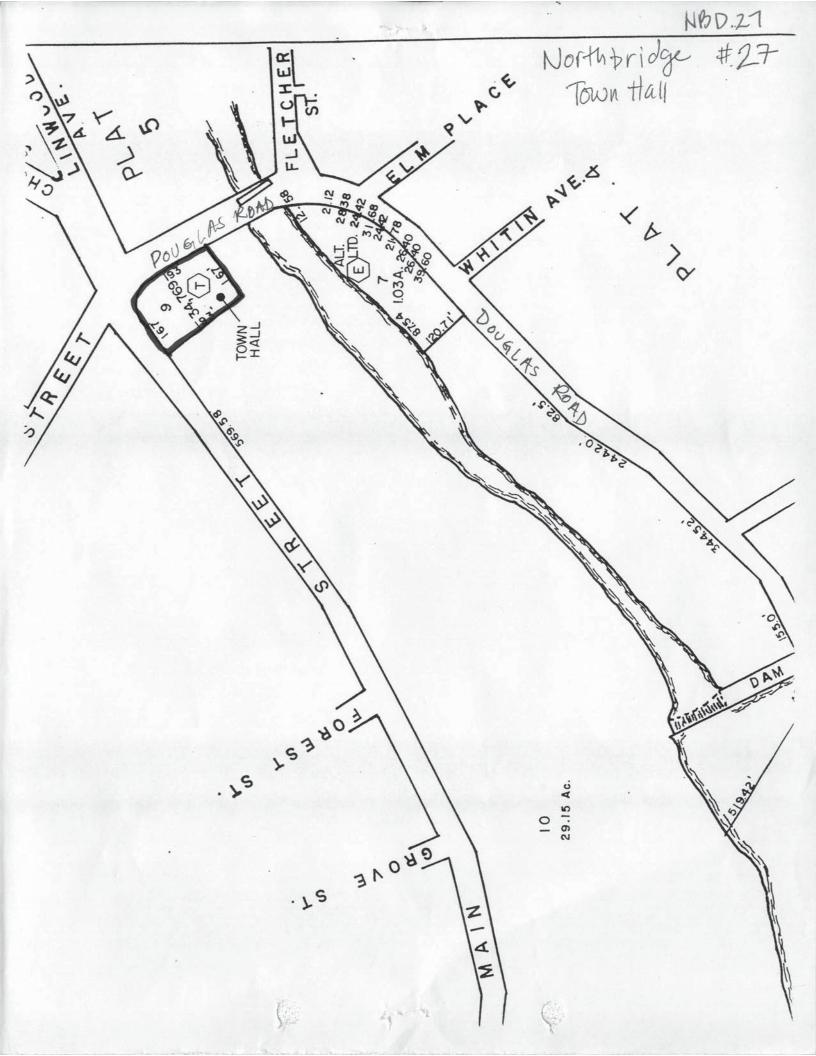
The business of the town was now moved down from the meeting hall at Northbridge Center to the new town hall of 1876. Meetings and town offices were now located here in the village of Whitinsville. Today the town hall stands well intact from the period during which it was built. The only changes were aluminum doors put on at the front entrance. There are three floors, the bottom two of which were used for offices and the upstairs as a meeting hall.

 Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Navin. Whitin Machine Works Since 1831.

Bicentennial Commemorative Journal

Newspaper clipping - Whitinsville Social Library Historical Room



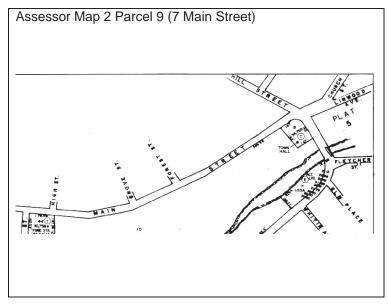
FORM B – BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING 220 Morrissey Boulevard Boston, Massachusetts 02125

Photograph



Locus Map



Recorded by: Organization: Date (month / year): Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number



Town/City: Northbridge

Place: (*neighborhood or village*): Village of Whitinsville

Address: 7 Main Street Whitinsville, MA 01588

Historic Name: Northbridge Memorial Town Hall

Uses: Present: Town Hall

Original: Town Hall

Date of Construction: ca 1872

Source:

Style/Form: Classic Revival w/ elements of Italianate

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Granite

Wall/Trim: Brick

Roof: Slate

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures: n/a –None

Major Alterations (with dates):

Glass/metal doors (1970s) Addition -Elevator/stairwell (1998) New Slate Roof (2000) Window Restoration & Exterior Painting (2013) Great Hall auditorium –Plaster & Paint Restoration (2017)

Condition: Good

Moved: no ves Date: n/a

Acreage: .798 acres / (±34,769 square-feet)

Setting:

Corner of Main Street & Douglas Road North elevations fronts Main Street East elevation fronts Douglas Road Southerly elevation also viewable from Douglas Road

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Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.	
If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.	

Use as much space as necessary to complete the following entries, allowing text to flow onto additional continuation sheets.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

The Northbridge Memorial Town Hall sited on a corner lot donated by the Whitin family (Whitinsville). The building is designed in the classical revival style having a slate roof with red brick pedimented gables, red brick masonry bearing walls, granite stringcourses, keystones, sills and rock faced granite foundation. The property is listed on the National Register of Historic Places as a contributing building to the Whitinsville Historic District.

*The principle material is pressed brick articulated with granite stringcourses, lintels, sills and foundation. The brick walls are capped with highly articulated cornice area including frieze, fascia, soffit dentil work, modillion blocks, ovolu molding, etc. Most of the windows on the lower level south elevations are one light awning or 1870's double awing with air conditioner located below. The lower level south elevation includes one multi-panel origin double door to the furnace area. The balance of the lower-level windows are historic one lite awning window. Many of the original awning windows have mechanical intrusions. The first floor multi-lite double hung windows are generally in good condition but their applied finishes have failed as well weather tightness and overall energy efficiency is lacking. The door entry on the north side is in good condition, however is not historically in keeping with the construction date of the Town Hall. Many of the first floor windows have A/C units installed and the interior oak trim show signs of moisture penetration. The second floor (Great Hall) windows are multi-lite double hung with many windows having stationary transoms. The two story window units on the east and west end of the building have an oversized meeting rail band to the interstory floor deck internally. The windows on the east and west end also need to have address some type of internal guard railing system. Overall the east and south windows systems are in good to fair condition. The north and west window systems are also in good to fair condition. All of the window systems have failed applied finish and lack energy efficiency.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

After the passing of Betsy Fletcher Whitin, widow of Paul Whitin, in 1868 two of her sons; John C and Charles P Whitin, in honor of their father and mother, after whom the village of Whitinsville is named, decided to erect upon the site of the homestead they grew up a Memorial Town Hall. They had the homestead moved down the street to the present Linwood Avenue and in 1872 construction started. By 1876, it was completed and was dedicated to the town in that year as a memorial to their father and mother along with \$10,000 as a trust for upkeep. Edwin and Arthur Whitin later added \$5,000 more to the trust. Construction commenced in 1872, by 1876 completed and dedicated to the town. The business of the town was moved from the meeting hall at Northbridge Center to the Town Hall in 1876. Today, the Memorial Town Hall stands well intact of the period during which it was built.

On May 13, 1958 the care of the Town Hall was transferred from the Board of Trustees to the Selectmen of the town. The Town Hall set between John C. Whitin's Machine Works and Charles P. Whitin's Cotton Mill. The business of the town was moved down from the meeting hall at Northbridge Center to the (new) Town Hall of 1876. Meetings and town offices were now located in the village of Whitinsville.

Village of Whitinsville**

By the beginning of the Civil War (1861), the Whitins were among the leading manufacturers in the Blackstone Valley (manufacturing cotton yard goods and state-of-the-art textile machinery). Between 1864 & 1869, John Whitin consolidated all his machine shop operations in Whitinsville, leading to extensive construction activity including worker cottages and tenements, a distinct residential area for management, and numerous large proprietors' estates. In addition, a library (1844), a high school (1865) and the Whitinsville National Bank

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(1865) were established. Whitinsville and the Whitin family's industrial operations continued to dominate Northbridge in the late Industrial Period (1870-1915). By the beginning of the 20th century, Northbridge was a thoroughly industrial town with parts of it densely populated, where 78% of the men were employed in the factories. The construction of a streetcar line from Northbridge to Worcester in the 1890s gave residents access to the larger stores of the city, putting an end to Northbridge Center as a commercial focus, although Church Street in Whitinsville began to develop as a local commercial district. Streetcar service was replaced by improved roadways for automotive traffic during the 1920s. The Whitin family's factories continued to prosper until a depression hit the textile industry in 1923. This economic downturn forced the closure of cotton mills throughout the region, including the Whitinsville Cotton Company, the Linwood Cotton Company, and mills in Rockdale and Riverdale. The Whitin Machine Works put most of the buildings to use for some part of their continuing operation, and carried the business through to a brief spike in activity during World War II, when the company manufactured magnetos for American aircraft. Labor unrest and worker strikes in the late 1940s discouraged the Whitins from further involvement in industry. Over the next decade they sold their business interests in Northbridge, as well as the company housing and farm. Today Northbridge is no longer a company town, but memories of that long era remain, kept alive in many of the buildings and structures that define its heritage Landscape.

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* R. Christopher Noonan, Preservation Specialist -National Park Service

** DCR & the John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor Commission [Northbridge Reconnaissance Report 2007] 2017 Completion Report -MPPF Round 22

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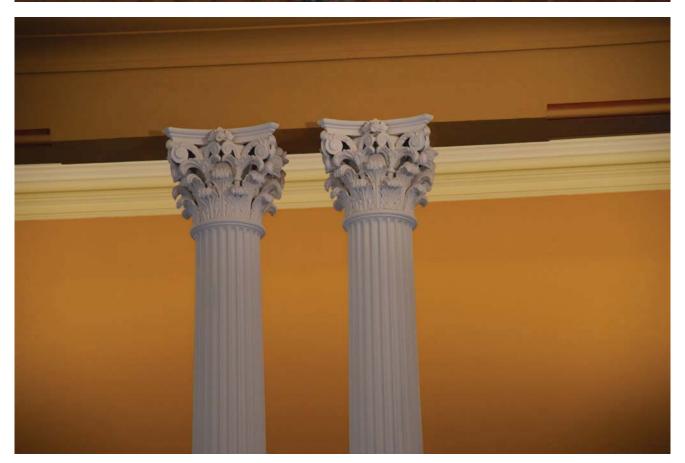
National Register of Historic Places Criteria Statement Form

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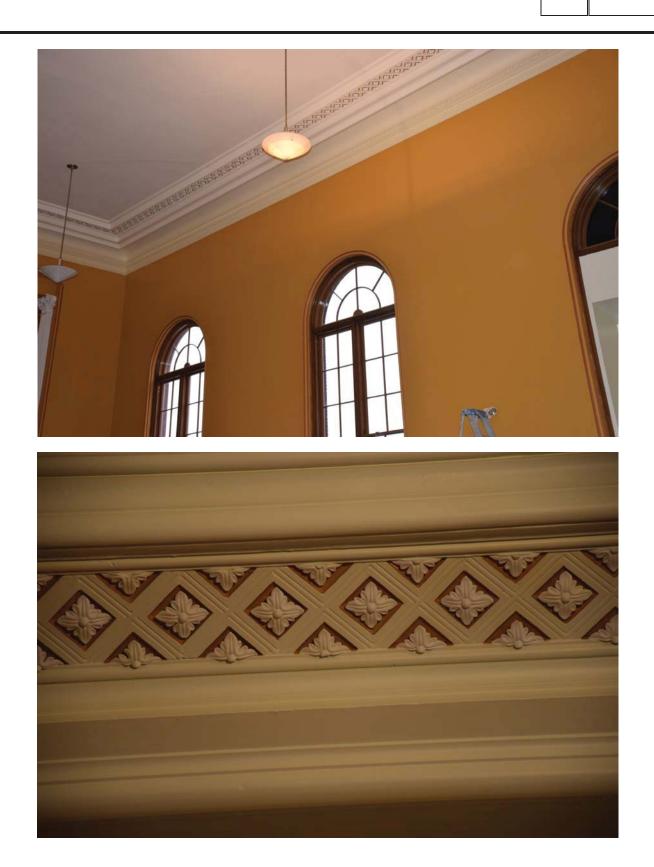


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TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

R. Gary Bechtholdt II, Town Planner 7 Main Street Whitinsville, MA 01588 Phone: (508) 234.2447 Fax: (508) 234.0814 gbechtholdt@northbridgemass.org

June 30, 2017

Paul Holtz, Co-Director/Historical Architect Massachusetts Historical Commission 220 Morrissey Boulevard Boston, MA 02125

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RE: NORTHBRIDGE - MPPF ROUND 22 Payment Request (final)

Dear Mr. Holtz:

Please find enclosed FINAL PAYMENT REQUEST for the Town of Northbridge -Development Project known as the "Northbridge Memorial Town Hall –Great Hall Paint & Plaster Restoration". We are seeking reimbursement of the remaining \$35,000.00 at this time. As you know, MHC awarded Northbridge an additional sum of \$10,000.00, increasing the total MHC MPPF Round 22 Grant to \$60,000.00.

As described in the Request for Matching Funds (attached) the Project has been completed at a total cost of \$139,725.00. In addition to the reimbursement form please find enclosed for your records: payment tracking spreadsheet, copy of billing invoices, certification/sign-offs and copies of checks issued for services rendered.

MHC has retained a copy of our executed Contract Agreement, procurement package, as well as copy of the recorded Preservation Restriction. The Project Completion Report will be provided to MHC under separate cover. Should you have any questions or require additional information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely. Ho

R. Gary Bechtholdt II Northbridge Town Planner/Local Project Coordinator

Cc: Town Manager Town Accountant Town Treasurer /File

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Northbridge Memorial Town Hall –Great Hall Restoration Project

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State S	ate Share: \$60,000.00			(total grant award)		
Local Share: \$79,72		\$79,725.00		(remaining portion)		
Total Project Cost: \$139,725.00		_ (total eligible costs)				
REQU	EST FOR MAT	CHING FUNDS				
Date:	June 30	2017	Partial Payment: 🛛	Final Payment: 🗌	(check	one)
1.	Project Name:	Northbridge	Memorial Town Hall –G	reat Hall Paint & Plast	er Resto	ration
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	Address	: <u>7 Mai</u>	n Street			
	Town/C	ty: <u>Whiti</u>	nsville	Zip Code:	01588	
3.	Local Share of E	xpenditures (total e	expended this period for	eligible work):	\$ <u>139,72</u>	25.00
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4.	Amount of this	Request (State share	e):		\$ <u>35,00</u>	0.00
5.	Total Grant Am	ount:			\$ <u>60,00</u>	0.00
	Amount Previo	Isly Requested:			\$ <u>25,00</u>	0.00
	Amount Now R	equested:			\$ <u>35,00</u>	0.00
	Balance:				\$	0.00

CERTIFICATION

I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief this report is true in all aspects, is in agreement with accounting records, and that all disbursements have been made for the purposes and conditions of the contract

Signature: Local Project Coordinator Title:

(Local Project Coordinator or Project Representative)

APPROVED FOR REIMBURSEMENT ---MHC USE ONLY

Date Processed: _____

MHC Architect/ Preservation Planner: _____

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Vendor No. 2713	Invoice Application No. 2 [April 07, 2017]	\$23,750.00	37-42	211881	236589 / 04.13.2017	Intitial Payment Request to MHC
	Invoice NTH 1703 -Retainage [April 24, 2017]	\$2,750.00	37-46	212684	237239 / 05.11.2017	FINAL Reimbursement Request MHC
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Asbestos Abatement						
Baystate Contracting Services, Inc.	Invoice No. 2910 [February 27, 2017]	\$2,975.00	37-38	210913	235801 / 03.16.2017	Intitial Payment Request MHC
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Paint Restoration						
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Vendor No. 1490	Application for Payment (2) [April 2017]	\$17,195.00	37-46	212693	237172 / 05.11.2017	EINAL Reimbursement Request MHC
	Application for Payment (3) [May 2017]	\$5,655.00	37-50	213385		FINAL Reimbursement Reguest MHC
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Mr. Wendall Kalsow McGinley Kalsow and Associates 324 Broadway Street Cambridge, Ma, 02145

Mr. Gary Bechtholdt Town Planner/ local project coordinator Town of Northbridge Massachusetts

PROJECT: Northbridge Town Hall Auditorium Plaster repair

April 24, 2017:

INVOICE NTH 1703:

Description of Completed Work:

- Work described in accepted proposal complete. This invoice represents the final, and closes out the original contract.

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COST: \$2,750.00

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AMOUNT DUE THIS BILLING:	\$2,750.00
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TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS COMMUNITY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

R. Gary Bechtholdt II, Town Planner 7 Main Street Whitinsville, MA 01588 Phone: (508) 234.2447 Fax: (508) 234.0814 gbechtholdt@northbridgemass.org

May 05, 2017

Paul Holtz, Co-Director/Historical Architect Massachusetts Historical Commission 220 Morrissey Boulevard Boston, MA 02125

RE: NORTHBRIDGE -MPPF ROUND 22 Payment Request (Partial)



Dear Mr. Holtz:

Please find enclosed partial payment request for the Town of Northbridge -Development Project known as **Northbridge Memorial Town Hall –Great Hall Restoration**. We are seeking reimbursement of \$25,000.00 at this time. As described in the Request for Matching Funds (attached) the amount of \$97,975.00 has been expended to date for eligible work. In addition to the reimbursement form please find enclosed for your records payment tracking spreadsheet, copy of billing invoices, certification/sign-offs and copies of checks issued for services rendered.

It is my understanding MHC has retained a copy of our executed Contract Agreement, Northbridge's procurement package, as well as copy of the recorded Preservation Restriction. Please advise what local accounting information needs to be provided to MA Historical Commission in order to process this reimbursement payment electronically.

Should you have any questions or require additional information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

R. Gary Bechtholdt 11 Northbridge Town Planner/Local Project Coordinator

Cc: Town Manager Town Accountant Town Treasurer /File

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Northbridge Memorial Town Hall – Great Hall Restoration Project

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION		
MASSACHUSETTS PRESERVATION	PROJECTS	FUND

State	Share:	\$50,000.00 (total grant awa	ird)
Local	Share:	\$71,075.00 (remaining port	ion)
Total	Project Cost:	\$121,075.00 (total eligible co	sts)
REQI	JEST FOR MATCH	ING FUNDS	
Date:	May 07, 20	Partial Payment: 🗌 Final Payment:	🗋 (check one)
1.	Project Name:	Northbridge Memorial Town Hall – Great Hall R	estoration
2.	Name of Recipient	: Town of Northbridge	
	Address:	7 Main Street	
	Town/City:	Whitinsville Zip Code:	01588
3.	Local Share of Exp	enditures (total expended this period for eligible work):	\$ <u>97,975.00</u>
	Copies of invoic	es attached w/copies of cancelled checks (both sides) or w	arrant for payment
4.	Amount of this Red	quest (state share):	\$ <u>25,000.00</u>
5.	Total Grant Amour	ıt:	\$ 50,000.00
	Amount Previously	Requested:	\$0.00
	Amount Now Requ	ested:	\$ <u>25,000.00</u>
	Balance:		\$ <u>25,000.00</u>

CERTIFICATION

I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief this report is true in all aspects, is in agreement with accounting records, and that all disbursements have been made for the purposes and conditions of the contract.

Signature: Title: Local Project Coordinator

(Local Project Coordinator or Project Representative)

APPROVED FOR REIMBURSEMENT – MHC USE ONLY

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WESTMILL PRESERVATION SERVICES 725 Old Plymouth Street, Halifax, MA 02338 Phone: 781-293-5479 Fax: 781-293-0065

Mr. Wendall Kalsow McGinley Kalsow and Associates 324 Broadway Street Cambridge, Ma, 02145

Mr. Gary Bechtholdt Town Planner/ local project coordinator Town of Northbridge Massachusetts

PROJECT: Northbridge Town Hall Auditorium Plaster repair

March 30, 2017:

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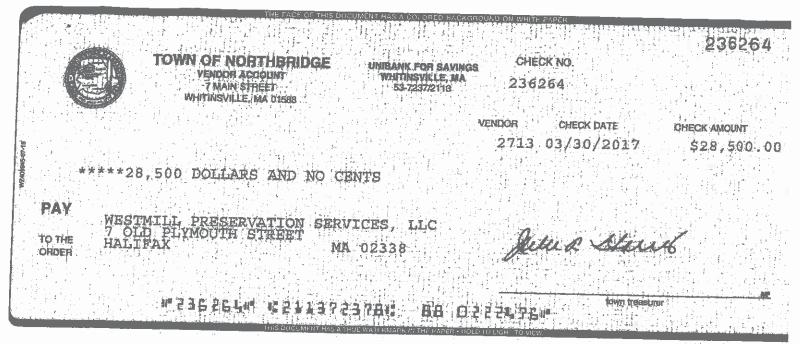
Description of Completed Work:

- Main Hall complete. Final bill of five percent retainage to be submitted after remaining work in balcony area is complete

COST: \$23,750.00

TOTAL PROPOSAL PRICE:	\$55,000.00
AMOUNT PREVIOUSLY BILLED:	\$28,500.00
AMOUNT DUE THIS BILLING:	\$23,750.00
REMAINING CONTRACT AMOUNT:	\$2,750.00 (5% retainage)

Payment due upon receipt. We appreciate your business and look forward to serving you in the future.



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Work: 781-646-0900 Fax: 781-646-0993

April 11, 2017

Northbridge Town Hall 7 Main Street Whitinsville, MA 01588

RE: Northbridge Town Hall Great Hall Paint Restoration

INVOICE

To Whom It May Concern:

The following is an invoice for the work performed at the Northbridge Town Hall, located at 7 Main St, Whitinsville, MA, as specified in the contract;

Contract Amount: Change Order #1 Total Contract:

\$ 56,000.00 7,100.00 \$ 63,100.00

Total Due at this time \$ 45,000.00

\$42,750-

Respectfully,

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TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS COMMUNITY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

R. Gary Bechtholdt II, Town Planner 7 Main Street Whitinsville, MA 01588 Phone: (508) 234.2447 Fax: (508) 234.0814 gbechtholdt@northbridgemass.org

MEMORANDUM

Date: April 11, 2017

- To: Mr. Neil A. Vaidya, Town Accountant
- From: R. Gary Bechtholdt II, Town Planner/Local Project Coordinator



RE: NORTHBRIDGE TOWN HALL –GREAT HALL RESTORATION PROJECT Fox Painting Company –Change Order (1)

Please find attached for your records Change Order (1) –increase in the amount of \$7,100.00 for additional prep & paint consisting of the elevator lobby and the wall & ceiling directly below the balcony. The new contract sum, including this Change Order is \$63,100.00.

If you should require additional information or have any questions please contact the Planning office.

Cc: Town Manager/BOS McGinley Kalsow & Associates, Inc. Fox Painting Company, Inc. /File

CHANGE		OWNER ARCHITECT CONTRACTOR	
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PROJECT: (name, address)	Northbridge Town Hall Great Hall Painting Restoration 7 Main Street Whitinsville, MA 0158	I	CHANGE ORDER NUMBER: One DATE: March 30, 2017 ARCHITECT'S PROJECT NO: 1604.04
TO CONTRACT (name, address)	COR:Fox Painting Co. Inc 23 Park Street Arlington, MA 02474		CONTRACT DATE: February 27, 2017 CONTRACT FOR: Painting Restoration
The Contract is ch	anged as follows:		
Prepare and		ainted surfa	ces in the following areas:

 Elevator Lobby Ceiling 1 (top) Walls and staircase (top) 	\$2,500 \$2,800 \$1,800
See attached March 19, 2017 proposal.	\$7,100

Not valid until signed by the Owner, Architect and Contractor

The original (Contract Sum) (Guaranteed Maximum Price) was	\$56,000.00
Net change by previously authorized Change Orders	\$0.00
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The Contract Time will be (increased) (decreased) (unchanged) by () days.	

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The date of Substantial Completion as of the date of this Change Order therefore is

NOTE: This summary does not reflect changes in the Contract Sum, Contract Time or Guaranteed Maximum Price which have been authorized by Construction Change Directive.

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The Contract is changed as follows:

Prepare and paint all water-damaged ceiling areas. The lift to access these areas will be supplied by the Town of Northbridge at no cost to the Contractor.

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Fox Painting Co., Inc.

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P.O. Box 630 Arlington, MA 02476 Work: 781-646-0900 ⁻ Fax: 781-646-0993

May 9, 2017

Town of Northbridge 7 Main St Whitinsville, MA 01588

RE: Town Hall - Re painting

PROPOSAL

To Whom It May Concern,

Per your request, below is a proposal to perform the following work at the Northbridge Town Hall, located in Whitinsville, MA:

• Repaint where water damaged. Work includes, scrape, spot prime and apply two coats of paint.

Total Proposal \$2,500.00

Payment will be made at time of completion.

Respectfully,

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Sam Bouboulis, Jr. Fox Painting Co., Inc.

Acceptance of Proposal:

The above price, specifications and conditions are satisfactory and are hereby accepted. Fox Painting is authorized to do the work as specified. Payments will be made as outlined above.

Date: 9 11/17

Signature:



FIELD REPORT

Project: Northbridge Town Hall -Great Hall Restoration

Date: April 7, 2017 9:00 AM

- Present: Gary Bechtholdt Town of Northbridge Mike Belesiotis – Fox Painting Connie Belesiotis – Fox Painting Jim Cleveland - MKA
- **Weather:** Partly Cloudy, 52°F (just after rainstorm)

1. Walls and Ceiling

- The ceiling and a majority of the walls have been prepped and primed (some areas above the stage remain un-primed) several cracks, holes and raised areas have been revealed from priming. Repairs to the walls and ceiling will be addressed by Fox painting and surface preparation should be completed today (Friday 4/7). The final coats of paint are to be applied over the weekend.

2. <u>Remaining work at balcony</u>

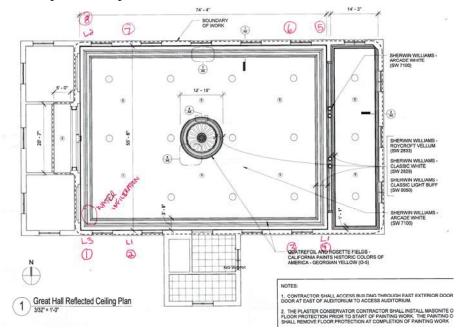
- Plaster work in the balcony area is nearing completion. Work should be done by the end of the day (Friday 4/7) and not be touched until Monday to allow it to dry properly. On Monday prepping and painting can begin in the balcony. Prep work under the balcony has not yet begun. Prep and paint of the balcony, Balcony stair and elevator lobby should be complete by Wednesday 4/12.



3. Water Damage from Rainstorm



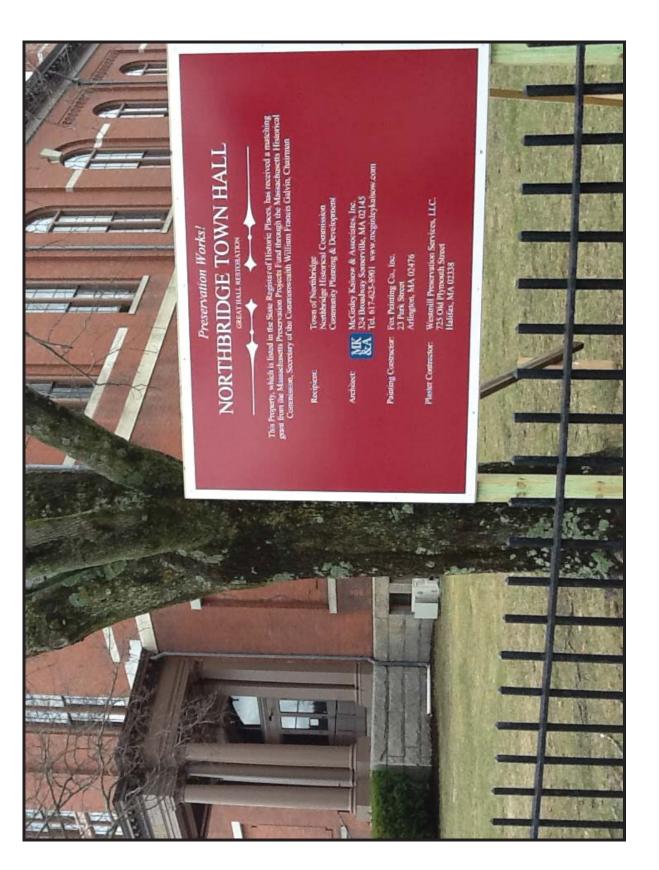
Due to the recent rainstorm, a leak is now clearly visible on the ceiling of the great hall and at the cornice. At this location, the new paint and primer has flaked off down to bare plaster. The source of water infiltration appears to be at the chimney, possibly through a failed flashing, at the cricket, or through failed mortar joints. Upon further inspection, there appears to be evidence of water leaks at 4 of the 8 chimneys to varying degrees (see diagram - L3 – Worst Leak, L2 – Medium Leak, L1 Minor Leak) the worst being above the ceiling damage (photos above). None of the other leaks appear to be showing through the new paint. The ceiling and cornice should be allowed to dry and then repainted. Temporary remediation of leaks is highly recommended to limit further damage to the new plater and paint work.



Report By: Jim Cleveland - MKA

NORTHBRIDGE MEMORIAL TOWN HALL –GREAT HALL RESTORATION PROJECT

Project Sign











NORTHBRIDGE MEMORIAL TOWN HALL RESTORATION PROJECT

Plaster Stabilization & Restoration –Westmill Preservation Services, LLC

































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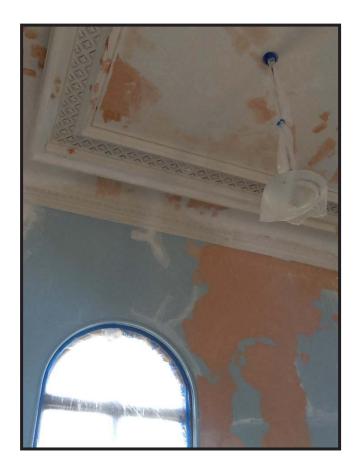




























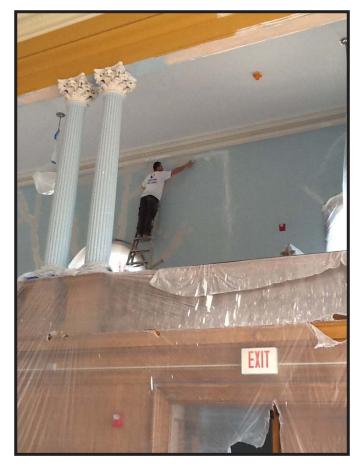




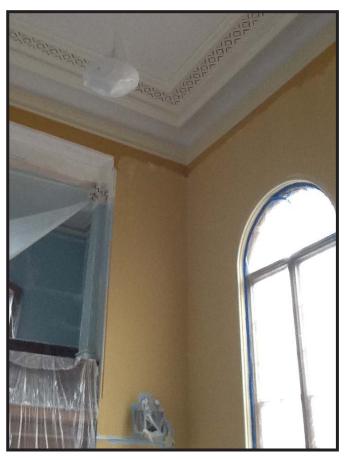


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Grand lady returns to Victorian grandeur



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BY RAYANNE COOMBS TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

NORTHBRIDGE – After years of disrepair and neglect, the Northbridge Town Hall is in the midst of undergoing a major restoration project which includes exterior improvements, window upgrades and the reparation of the great hall auditorium back to its original grand space. The Northbridge Memorial Town Hall, which was constructed in 1876, was originally designed in the classical revival style, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and is a contributing building to the Whitinsville Historic District.

Town Planner, R. Gary Bechtholdt explained "This project, which is listed in the State Register of Historic Places, has received a matching grant from the Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund through the Massachusetts Historical Commission, Secretary of the Commonwealth, William Galvin, Chairman."

Bechtholdt explained that the project first began in 2011 when the town received a matching-grant (\$15,000) awarded from Mass Historical Commission to complete an assessment of the town hall exterior, survey the windows, and prepare window restoration plans and specifications.

The most serious conditions were found in the original windows that were fabricated in the Whitin Mills. The windows were in poor condition with several frozen into a partially opened

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Bringing home the medals

BVT STUDENTS EARN SKILLSUSA RECOGNITION

UPTON – Blackstone Valley Tech students kicked off the 2017 SkillsUSA competition series with a strong performance when 98 students recently brought home 35 gold, 33 silver, and 30 bronze medals from the SkillsUSA Massachusetts District V Leadership Conference.

Often referred to as the

Olympics of vocational technical education, SkillsUSA events allow students to compete with each other in handson technical exams designed and judged by industry leaders and experts. The 2017 series kicked off for Valley Tech students on March 24, when Bay

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Where have they been?

The Millbury Historical Society is hosting a program Thursday, May 11 unveiling the portraits of Asa Waters II and Susan Holman Waters. The portraits, in splen-

the portraits, in spiendid color, were painted by John Blunt more than 100 years ago, but they have been lost for quite some time.

So the questions remain...where have they been?

Where were they found? Answers will be shared on May 11 beginning at 7 p.m. at the Asa Waters Mansion, 123 Elm St., Millbury.

The event is free and open to the public, light refreshments will be served.

Having the portraits back home is exciting for the Millbury Historical Society,



and it is anxious to share the good fortune with others.

For more information contact (508) 865-9377 or visit the websites at asawaters.org or millburyhistory.org.

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position. Much of the paint had peeled, exposing bare wood. Fortunately, the double hung windows were made of first growth Eastern White Pine and most were structurally sound and restorable. In addition to the windows, the doors, fascia, gutter, roofing, masonry issues, and a deteriorated and unneeded fire escape were included in the repair and restoration project.

In 2012, a matching-grant (\$60,000) was awarded from Mass Historical Commission to Northbridge specific to completing the window restoration project, which included masonry and flashing, painting and carpentry, and window restoration. The town also unanimously voted to appropriate \$400,000 to the project.

As part of the specifications, the Northbridge Historical Commission unanimously voted to approve the original exterior color scheme for the town hall to be painted to its original historic paint color. For more than one hundred years, all of the existing trim had been painted a series of whites and off-whites. The color schemes created a very different appearance than the original paint. which was two slightly different shades of brown. After receiving support from the Northbridge Historical Commission, the dramatic change in appearance was approved by the town of Northbridge, and the original historic paint scheme has been well received by the residents of the town.

Bechtholdt, who is also the local project coordinator, explained, "After we had completed all of the exterior work, it made sense to look at the inside. In 2016, we were awarded another \$50,000 grant to assist in the restoration work to be done in the Great Hall Auditorium. That work includes plaster stabiliza-



A selection of medallions to grace corners and ceilings

tion and restoration, and paint restoration." He went on to say, "Prep work began over the winter and we anticipate being completed with the project by mid-May." The town again, voted to appropriate an additional \$175,000 to help with the costs of the project.

Because of the state of disrepair, the Great Hall was underutilized by the town for many years, but with the restoration of the entire building, the Hall now has potential shared with the public. Bechtholdt said, "We're looking at opportunities to invite the public to use the space, whether it be for music events, ceremonies or many other options."

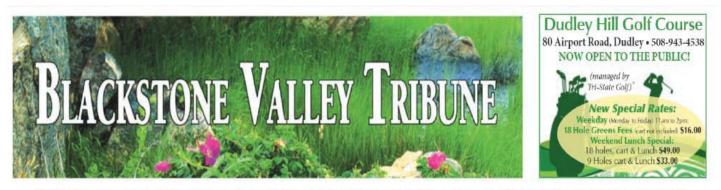
The Great Hall includes a stage area, 25 foot ceilings,10 foot windows, and an intricately designed center medallion on the ceiling, Bechtholdt explained



Crown molding and cracked plaster need a lot of attention.

that an historic paint consultant was hired to analyze the original colors, and the room will be restored to the original color scheme of 1876. C

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Long awaited renovation complete



Photos courtesy of R. Gary Bechtholdt If Working on the center medallion in the Great Hall. Northbridge Great Hall re-opens doors to the public

BY RAYANNE COOMBS T R I B U N E CORRESPONDENT NORTHBRIDGE — At the uppermost floor of Northbridge Town Hall, overlooking the streets of Whitinsville, lies the beauti-

fully ornate and newly renovated, Great Hall, Originally constructed in 1876, the Great Hall was designed in the classical revival style, and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. After years of disrepair and neglect, the Great Hall has been restored to its former glory and not a single detail was spared - from the opulent ceiling medallion to the intricate plaster, the rich wood floor, and even the paint color is back to its original grandeur.

R. Gary Bechtholdt II,

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Blackstone Community Concert Band performing on the Community Plaza at Alternatives Whitin Mill.

Free, Fun and Fabulous: concerts return to mill

Blackstone Valley Tribune

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Northbridge Town Planner and local project coordinator, wrote and administered the Mass Historical Commission grant for the Town Hall Restoration Projects which began in 2010.

Bechtholdt said, "The restoration of the Great Hall represents the culmination of a multi-year, multi-phase project for Northbridge. In 2010-11 the Community Planning & Development Office wrote a Massachusetts Historical Commission grant and scope of work to hire an architect to prepare an **Buildings** "Exterior Condition Assessment" and "Comprehensive Window Survey" for the Northbridge Memorial Town Hall. The exterior repairs, including window restoration identified in the reports were completed in 2013."

Once the exterior of the building was addressed. focus turned to the interior of the building. Bechtholdt said "The Great Hall auditorium historically had been a place of civic engagement and public functions, unfortunately however after years of neglect and deferred maintenance the auditorium was anything but great. The plaster and paint had been severely damaged by chronic roof leaks (prior to the 2000 roof replacement) and the space became more or less a large closet or attic space where the town stored its archives and miscellaneous files.

In 2015, under the leadership of Northbridge Town Manager Theodore Kozak, the Board of Selectmen and others, Northbridge embarked



Townspeople gathered to celebrate the re-opening.

on restoring the Great Hall auditorium back to its former glory. Bechtholdt explained,

"At the 2016 spring annual town meeting, voters unanimously support the appropriation of up to \$150,000 to fund the necessary restoration work. In June 2016, Northbridge was awarded a matching-grant from the Massachusetts Historical Commission(MHC). The Northbridge Memorial Town Hall has benefited tremendously from the Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund (MPPF), a State program administered through MHC. The town received \$15,000 in matching-grants for the "Exterior Building Assessment" report (2011), \$45,000 for the Window Restoration work (2012) and most recently \$60,000 in matching-grant funds for the Great Hall Restoration project (2016). In 2014, the Mass Historical Commission recognized the rehabilitation of the Northbridge Memorial Town Hall with its Preservation Award."

Bechtholdt went on to say, "In addition to the MHC grants and continued support of residents and voters Northbridge has been fortunate to work with a number of professional consultants and contractors, including McGinley Kalsow & Associates, Inc. (Somerville), an award winning architectural firm that specializes in the restoration and renovation of historic buildings. This firm, led by Wendall C. Kalsow, AIA worked with the town from the beginning; preparing the assessment report in 2012 and oversaw the window restoration work in 2013-14 and now the paint and plaster restoration of the Great Hall."

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The columns are restored to glory.

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Additionally, as part of the restoration work BayState Contracting Services, Inc. (Springfield) performed abatement, Gilbert & Becker Co., Inc. (Dorchester) addressed a roof repair and Mark Grgurovic Hardwood Floors (Haverhill) sanded and refinished the original hardwood floors. In total, nearly 1,390 manhours were dedicated to preserve the Great Hall auditorium.

Bechtholdt said, "The total cost of the project came in around \$160,000 (including floor refinishing); thanks to another Massachusetts Historical Commission grant (MPPF -Round 22) of \$60,000 the town's share was reduced to approximately \$100,000."

He added "The town will once again make the Great Hall available to the public; the Board of Selectmen will likely need to adopt a policy soon as many town residents and local groups have already inquired about the availability of this grand space."

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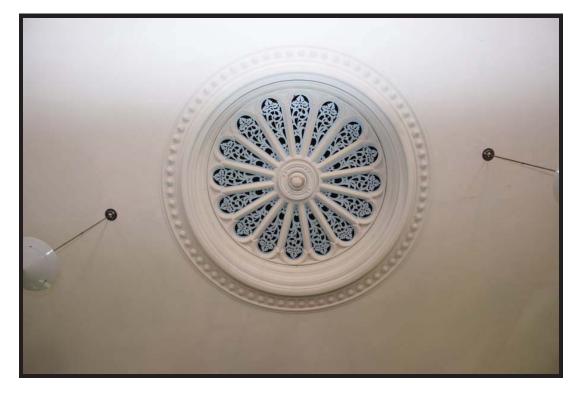


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On June 14, 2017 the Community Planning & Development office hosted the first public event since the renovation; all attending were amazed with the worked and pleased to see the Town make such investment. The Town will once again make the Great Hall available to the public; the Board of Selectmen will likely need to adopt a policy soon as many town residents and local groups have already inquired about the availability of this grand space.

-R. Gary Bechtholdt II, Town Planner/Local Project Coordinator





