17715 Meeting House Road, Sandy Spring [HPC Case # 28/11-12A]

Soundy Spring Historic District

#### COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Address:

17715 Meetinghouse Road, Sandy Spring

**Meeting Date:** 

1/25/2012

Resource:

**Outstanding Resource** 

**Report Date:** 

1/18/2012

Sandy Spring Historic District

**Public Notice:** 

1/11/2012

Applicant:

Sandy Spring Monthly Meeting.

(Miche Booz, Architect)

Tax Credit:

Partial

Review:

**HAWP** 

Staff:

Josh Silver

Case Number:

28/11-12A

PROPOSAL:

Relocation of and alterations to schoolhouse and alterations to Lyceum

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the HPC approve the HAWP application.

#### **ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION**

SIGNIFICANCE: Outstanding Resource within the Sandy Spring Historic District

STYLE:

Vernacular

DATE:

1859 (with later additions)

#### **BACKGROUND**

The HPC held a 2nd Preliminary Consultation hearing in December 2011 for the subject property that included the partial demolition to a non-historic portion of the Lyceum (Community House) building and relocation of and alterations to the schoolhouse building. (See attached transcript 33-45

There was unanimous consensus from the HPC that the proposed alterations to the Lyceum and relocation of the schoolhouse and associated alterations and site work could be approved if submitted as a HAWP if the following revisions were made to the plans:

- 1. The guardrail details for the schoolhouse building should only extend 12 inches beyond the last stair riser. This specification was recommended for all stair units for consistency.
- 2. Consistent with the staff recommendation the HPC advised the applicant to rehabilitate where practicable the existing wooden siding that is currently underneath asbestos siding on the schoolhouse building. Where original wooden siding is beyond repair it must be replaced in-kind.

The applicants HAWP application submission responds directly to the recommendations provided by the HPC at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Preliminary Consultation hearing. The guardrail detail has been revised and the applicant is proposing to rehabilitate the existing wooden siding underneath the asbestos siding on the schoolhouse and in-kind replacement where repair is not practicable.

#### **PROPOSAL**

Item #1: Lyceum (Community House), main block constructed in 1859

The applicant proposes to demolish a portion of the addition constructed in 1985 to accommodate the space requirements needed for placement of the schoolhouse inside the historic district and to create a staging area for the relocation work. The exposed wall of the existing addition that will result from the demolition will be insulated and either clad with salvaged aluminum siding from the 1985 addition or new aluminum siding to match. A new concrete patio area with dimensions roughly the size of the 1985 addition building footprint and a 16-20" high, dry-stack fieldstone retaining wall will be installed in the area where the addition will be removed. The concrete patio and retaining wall will provide an accessible route between the Lyceum and relocated schoolhouse building. The proposed work is viewed as temporary in nature, as future phases of the project will include a more substantial demolition of the non-historic sections of the building, a new addition and development of a permanent circulation network.

As part of the work a new areaway with below-grade stair and associated wooden guardrails will be added to the north elevation of the 1958 addition section for access to a new cellar vault per the requirements of WSSC for fire department access to an onsite sprinkler system. The proposed location was selected because of the minimum proximity requirement to an existing fire hydrant. The existing porch roof of the 1958 addition section will be extended to the west to provide a protective cover over the below-grade areaway.

#### Item #2: Schoolhouse (constructed 1897, relocated in 1926)

The subject building contains evidence of having been significantly altered. The proposed undertaking includes relocation of the building from its current location outside the historic district to its approximate original location east of the Lyceum within the historic district, construction of a new basement level classroom underneath the building, and minor fenestration changes to non-original casement windows currently located on the north elevation wing.

The proposed work also includes removal of the exterior asbestos siding and rehabilitation of original wood siding underneath. Any original wood siding that is determined beyond repair will be replaced inkind to match the existing. A new field-seamed Terne metal roof will replace the existing metal roof. An existing non-original brick furnace exhaust chimney will be removed and non-historic windows located in the addition section of the house will be replaced with all wood SDL windows. Two new below-grade window wells will be installed in the foundation to provide light into the new basement space.

A new areaway stair with a metal roof and wooden railings will be added to the relocated east side and new stained pressure-treated wood accessible ramp will be added to the relocated west side of the existing front porch entry. The ramp handrails will be fabricated from metal and do not require a standard picket detail because the ramp does not exceed 30" in height from grade. A new wooden stair will be added off the non-historic porch (adjacent to the kitchen) to meet the new grades. The new stairs and railings will be fabricated from a color stained pressure-treated wood and replace an existing concrete access in the current building location.

A tar -and- chip walkway will be added in front of the relocated schoolhouse to provide an accessible route to the building.

#### **APPLICABLE GUIDELINES**

When reviewing alterations and new construction within the Sandy Spring Historic District several documents are to be utilized as guidelines to assist the Commission in developing their decision. These documents include the *Montgomery County Code Chapter 24A* (Chapter 24A), and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation (Standards). The pertinent information in these documents is outlined below.

#### Montgomery County Code; Chapter 24A

- (a) The commission shall instruct the director to deny a permit if it finds, based on the evidence and information presented to or before the commission that the alteration for which the permit is sought would be inappropriate, inconsistent with or detrimental to the preservation, enhancement or ultimate protection of the historic site or historic resource within an historic district, and to the purposes of this chapter.
- (b) The commission shall instruct the director to issue a permit, or issue a permit subject to such conditions as are found to be necessary to insure conformity with the purposes and requirements of this chapter, if it finds that:
  - (1) The proposal will not substantially alter the exterior features of an historic site or historic resource within an historic district; or
  - (2) The proposal is compatible in character and nature with the historical, archeological, architectural or cultural features of the historic site or the historic district in which an historic resource is located and would not be detrimental thereto or to the achievement of the purposes of this chapter; or
  - (3) The proposal would enhance or aid in the protection, preservation and public or private utilization of the historic site or historic resource located within an historic district in a manner compatible with the historical, archeological, architectural or cultural value of the historic site or historic district in which an historic resource is located; or
  - (4) The proposal is necessary in order that unsafe conditions or health hazards be remedied; or
  - (5) The proposal is necessary in order that the owner of the subject property not be deprived of reasonable use of the property or suffer undue hardship; or
  - (6) In balancing the interests of the public in preserving the historic site or historic resource located within an historic district, with the interests of the public from the use and benefit of the alternative proposal, the general public welfare is better served by granting the permit.
    - (c) It is not the intent of this chapter to limit new construction, alteration or repairs to any 1 period or architectural style.
    - (d) In the case of an application for work on an historic resource located within an historic district, the commission shall be lenient in its judgment of plans for structures of little historical or design significance or for plans involving new construction, unless such plans would seriously impair the historic or architectural value of surrounding historic resources or would impair the character of the historic district. (Ord. No. 9-4, § 1; Ord. No. 11-59.)

#### Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation:

- #9 New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction will not destroy historic materials, features, and spatial relationships that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and will be compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportion, and massing to protect the integrity of the property and its environment.
- #10 New additions and adjacent or related new construction will be undertaken in such a manner that, if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.

#### **STAFF DISCUSSION**

#### Item #1: Lyceum (Community House)

The HPC recommended no changes to the Lyceum (Community House) proposal at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Preliminary



#### Consultation hearing.

The proposed removal of the 1985 addition is consistent with the proposal reviewed by the HPC at the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Preliminary Consultations, which staff and the HPC supported. The proposed demolition of the 1985 addition section will not impact any character-defining features of the building.

Staff supports cladding the exposed wall with either salvaged or new aluminum siding. The installation of aluminum siding is an appropriate treatment given the temporary nature of the work and future rehabilitation of the historic block and construction of a new addition that would begin at this section of the building.

Staff supports the proposed installation of a temporary concrete patio and stone retaining wall. These installations will have negligible impact on the streetscape of the historic district and environmental setting of the property due to their location behind the building and proximity to grade. Furthermore, these installations will be removed as part of the future development of the property.

Staff supports the proposed installation of a below-grade areaway on the north side elevation of the 1958 section of the building. Although the proposed areaway will be visible from the public right-of-way, its impact will be negligible on the streetscape of the historic district and will not impact any character-defining features of the building.

#### Item #2: Schoolhouse

Staff supports the proposed relocation of the schoolhouse building to within the historic district. The applicant has determined through written historical documentation the schoolhouse was originally located within what is now the historic district, and directly east of the Lyceum, and then later relocated to outside the historic district in 1926. Although the exact location of the schoolhouse has not been determined, and no original foundations have been located, the proposed relocation of the building east of the Lyceum would return the building to within the historic district and its approximate original location. Staff supports the building relocation finding that it would have no adverse affect on the historic district or setting of the property.

Staff supports the proposed installation of an ADA ramp at the front of the building. Although locating ADA ramps at the rear elevation of a building is generally preferred, the applicant has selected the front elevation for several reasons. First, the front porch will provide principal access to the building for members of the facility, including elderly and those with limited mobility; second, it provides a more direct route between the Lyceum/Community House and the relocated schoolhouse; third, the current kitchen door is dimensionally inadequate and access through the kitchen entrance presents some difficulties due to the interior arrangements of the space; and fourth the existing grade change is favorable for adding a ramp without needing to construct a more traditional picket railing system. Because the grade change is less than 30" high, a simple and more transparent metal pipe rail can be used and still meet code. Furthermore, using the existing front door would not require creating a new opening or modification to an existing one.

Staff supports the proposed removal and replacement of the existing non-historic windows with wooden SDL windows in the addition section of the building. Staff also supports the proposed removal and replacement of the metal roof with a field-seamed metal Terne roof. The proposed material and installation method is compatible in character with the period of the resource and will not substantially alter the building. Similarly, the proposed installation of two window wells in the new foundation will not substantially alter the building or impact the historic district.

The applicant is proposing to remove the asbestos siding and rehabilitate where practicable the existing wooden siding that is currently underneath. If the original wooden siding cannot be rehabilitated it will be

replaced in-kind.

Staff supports the proposed material treatments for the ramp and railing systems for all porches and areaways. The railing design for the front porch and areaways are consistent with a historic porch railing design and will be stained. The installation of a metal pipe railing is more transparent and minimalist to avoid obscuring the front elevation of the building and has less impact on the environmental setting of the immediate context and historic district.

Staff supports the installation of a tar –and- chip material treatment for all pathways and permanent surfaces on the property. Staff supports the installation of asphalt for any pathways categorized as being temporary in nature until a formal circulation network is designed, at which time a more compatible material such as exposed aggregate, tar –and- chip or similar would be required.

Staff supports the proposed removal of the existing non-original brick furnace chimney. Although an exact construction date for the chimney is unknown, it is believed to be associated with a later construction period given it purpose as exhaust for the furnance.

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission <u>approve</u> the HAWP application as being consistent with Chapter 24A-8(b), (1) and (2):

and with the general condition that the applicant shall present the 3 permit sets of drawings to Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) staff for review and stamping prior to submission for the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services (DPS) building permits;

and with the general condition that the applicant shall notify the Historic Preservation Staff if they propose to make **any alterations** to the approved plans. Once the work is completed the applicant will contact the staff person assigned to this application at 301-563-3400 or anne.fothergill@mncppc-mc.org to schedule a follow-up site visit.



## HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION 301/563-3400

## APPLICATION FOR HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT

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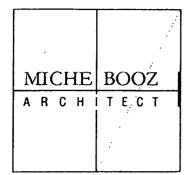
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# Sandy Spring Monthly Meeting HAWP Application Phase 1: Historic School House

November 16, 2011 (Revised 12/07/11)

General description of existing structures and environmental setting, including historical features and significance.

The present brick Meetinghouse, the third on this site, was built in 1817 on land which was conveyed in 1753 by James Brooke to Roger, Richard, and Basil Brooke in trust for the Society of Friends. The adjacent historic cemetery contains past generations of Friends, and others from the Sandy Spring community. Friends from the earliest years are buried in unmarked graves close to the Meetinghouse.

On the north side of the cemetery stands the Community House, used for the First Day School and committee and fellowship activities. Built in 1859, it was the Lyceum for the neighborhood until 1927. It was remodeled as the Community House in 1928; the front door was relocated to the south side of the building, a chimney added on the west side, and the building was expanded to the east.

The low east wing of the Community House was added in 1958 to house First Day School classrooms. A larger kitchen and low-sloping addition was also made at this time to the north side of the Lyceum. (See photos of the historic Lyceum and the current Community House.) An additional large classroom was added on the east wing in 1985.

A school house is currently located to the northeast of the classroom wing of the Community House. This building was originally built in 1897, replacing a log structure which was destroyed by a falling tree in the Great Hurricane of 1896. The school house was originally located directly east of the Lyceum building although original foundations have not been located. It was moved to its new location and converted to a house in 1926.

The entire site retains its historic rural character and contains many large trees. The Sandy Spring Monthly Meeting property from the Lyceum building, graveyard and south to the Meeting House are part of the Sandy Spring Historic District.



General description of the project and its effect on the historic resources, the environmental setting, and the historic district.

Since 2001, members of the Sandy Spring Monthly Meeting have been involved in a careful assessment and design process to meet the needs of a growing school-age population. The meeting has held a number of internal design charrettes and threshing sessions and has closely consulted with Historic Preservation Commission staff at critical stages in this evolving process.

School House: This HAWP application is for "Phase 1" work, which entails the relocation of the 1897 school house from its current location back to its approximate original location east of the Community House within the boundary of the Sandy Spring Historic District. Site features impacted as a part of this relocation will be minimal. There are two methods being considered for this work: 1) rolling on ground; or 2) crane lifting and placing. The rolling method will only impact scrub trees (under 6" caliper), whereas the crane method will require the removal of one large limb of an adjacent white oak. In either case, root matting will be installed as part of general protections for this tree.

Other scope of work includes:

- Creating a modern basement classroom underneath the school house, which will help to preserve the building since it now sits on top of a substandard and leaky basement.
- The exterior asbestos siding and aging metal roofing will be removed; improvements include new cementitious lap siding and new field-seamed Terne II metal roofing.
- 3. The existing brick furnace exhaust chimney will be removed.
- 4. Non-historic windows in the kitchen addition will be removed and replaced with more traditional wood SDL windows. Existing historic wood windows will be refinished and repainted.
- 5. A new area way stair with a metal roof and railings will be added to the relocated east side.
- 6. A new stained PT wood accessible ramp will be added to the relocated west side of the existing front porch entry. The porch will be sited low to the ground (under 30") so the ramp will not be required to include picketed guard rails. Required hand & curb rails, and associated posts will be minimal 1-1/2" square painted steel, so it will be fairly transparent.

Alternatives considered for the ramp location included the east side of the front porch, and the non-historic porch adjacent to the kitchen. There are no other

existing entry doors. Since the historic front porch will provide principal access to the building for all Meeting members, including the elderly and those with limited mobility, this more direct route from the west is highly preferable and provides equal access per ADA guidelines. The kitchen route is substandard in these terms, as well as dimensionally inadequate.

- 7. Asphalt or tar/chip walks will be added to provide required accessible routes.
- 8. Two below-grade window wells will be added to help bring light into the new basement space.
- 9. A new wood stair will be added off the non-historic porch (adjacent to the kitchen) to meet the new grades. These will replace existing concrete access in the current building location. All new guard rails will be color stained PT wood with pickets inset into top and bottom rails, to match the existing traditional railings. Required hand rails will be 1-1/2" square painted steel.

Interior alterations to the school house, in addition to the new basement, will include a renovated accessible restroom, as well as an upgraded HVAC system and some finish wall and ceiling renovations.

Community House: As part of this HAWP, the eastern-most wing of the Community House structure, dating from 1985, will be demolished. It will be replaced with a concrete patio and 16"-20" high dry-stack fieldstone retaining wall to provide an accessible route to the new school house location, as well as provide a staging area for the school house relocation work. Existing landscape steps and graveyard fence will remain. The new exterior wall will be insulated and sheathed, and sided to match existing aluminum siding exposure. This work is viewed as temporary in nature, as future phases will include a more substantial demolition of these non-historic wings of the Community House.

The north elevation of the circa 1920's addition to the Community house will include a new area way (below-grade level) stair, and associated guardrails, for access to a newly-installed cellar vault for WSSC sprinkler room requirements. The existing north porch roof will be extended to the west to keep water out of this area way. This sprinkler room is being installed as part of the new Schoolhouse work, and it must be located under the Community House in order to satisfy the requirement that it is within 80' of the existing fire hydrant. A separate underground vault is not feasible since it cannot be located under asphalt: There is simply not enough area for the required WSSC access easement within 80 feet. The cellar vault will eventually serve sprinkler requirements for the (future) renovated Lyceum and Education buildings, and possibly the Meeting House itself in future; though none of this is being proposed for this HAWP.

#### Neighboring property addresses:

MERNICK GEORGE H & THENE MARTIN MERNICK 17617 MEETING HOUSE RD SANDY SPRING MD 20860-1017

WRIGHT ALAN M & K V 17710 MEETING HOUSE RD SANDY SPRING MD 20860

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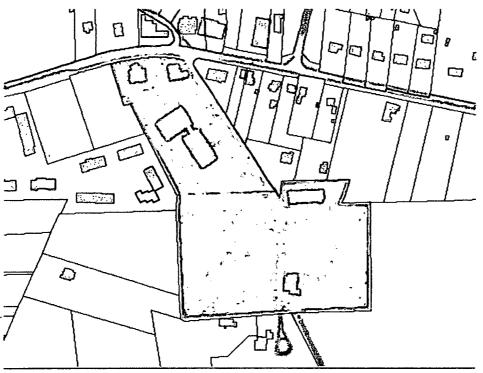
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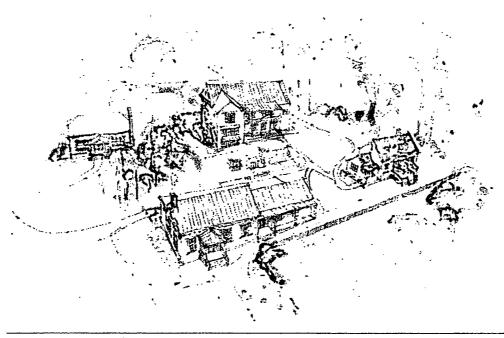
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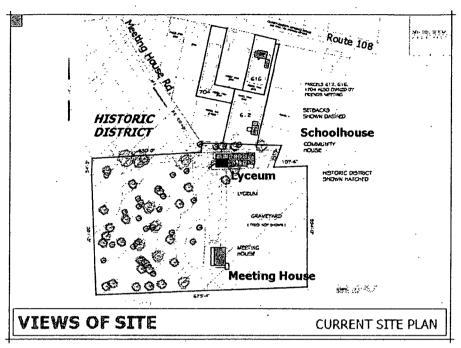
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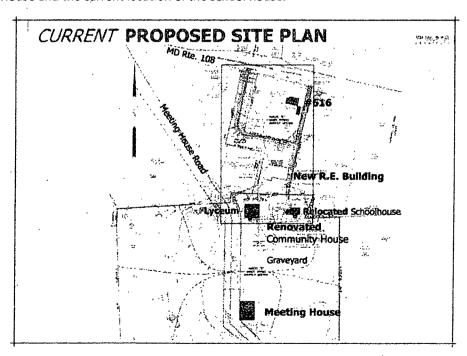
Green portions describe the Sandy Spring Historic District. The Schoolhouse is currently outside of the Historic District, but will be relocated into it as part of this scope of work.



Conceptual sketch of proposed master plan showing the restored Lyceum, the new Community House addition, the relocated school house, and the new Education Building. Only the Schoolhouse relocation, and demolition of the Community House's 1985 east wing are to be considered for this "Phase 1" HAWP.



Current site plan showing location of historic Lyceum (dark blue in plan), current Community House and the current location of the school house.



Proposed master plan showing the historic Lyceum/renovated Community House, the relocated Schoolhouse and the New Education (R.E.) Building. Only the Schoolhouse relocation, and demolition of the Community House's 1985 east wing are to be considered for this "Phase 1" HAWP.

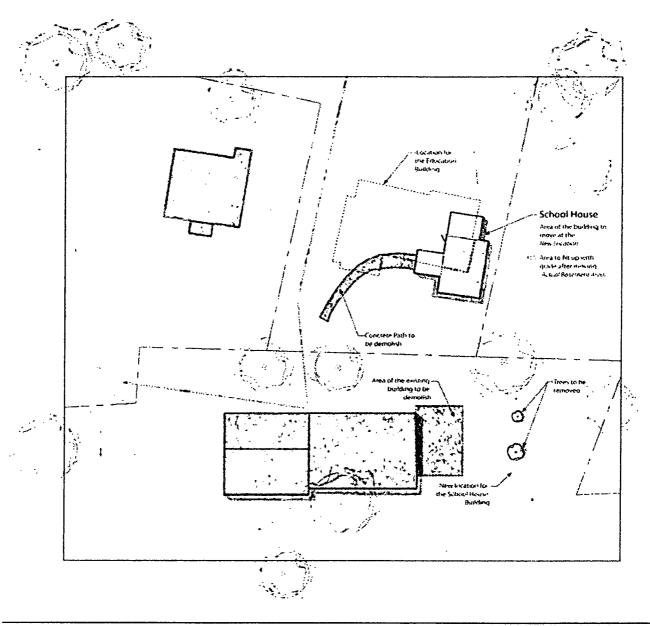
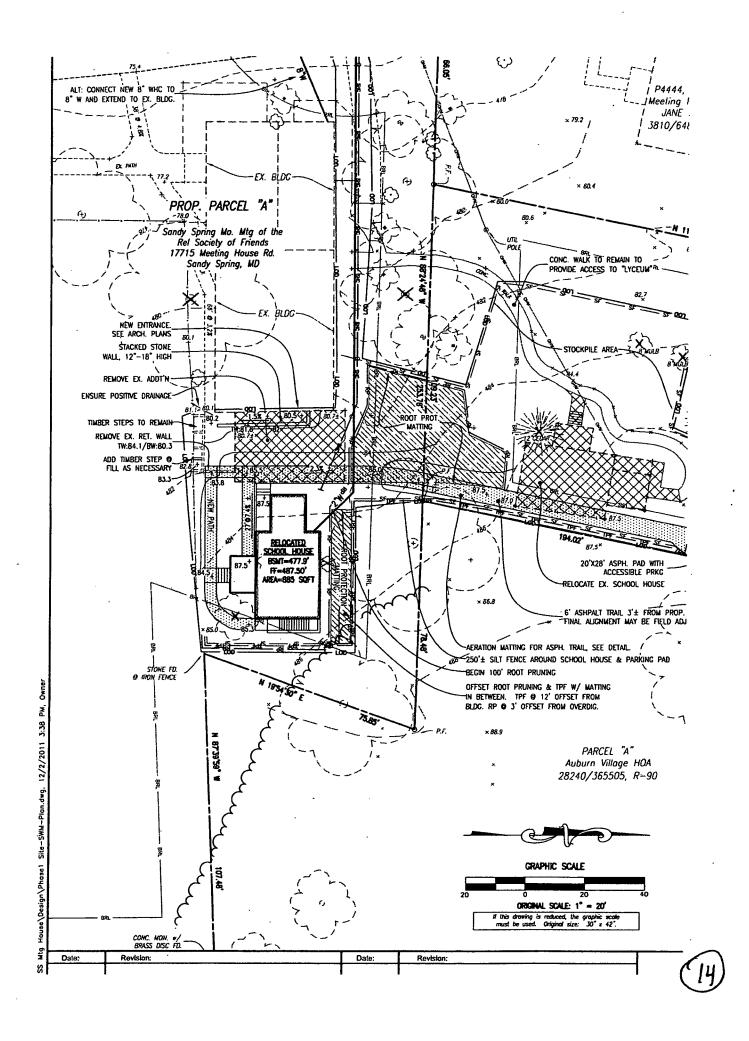
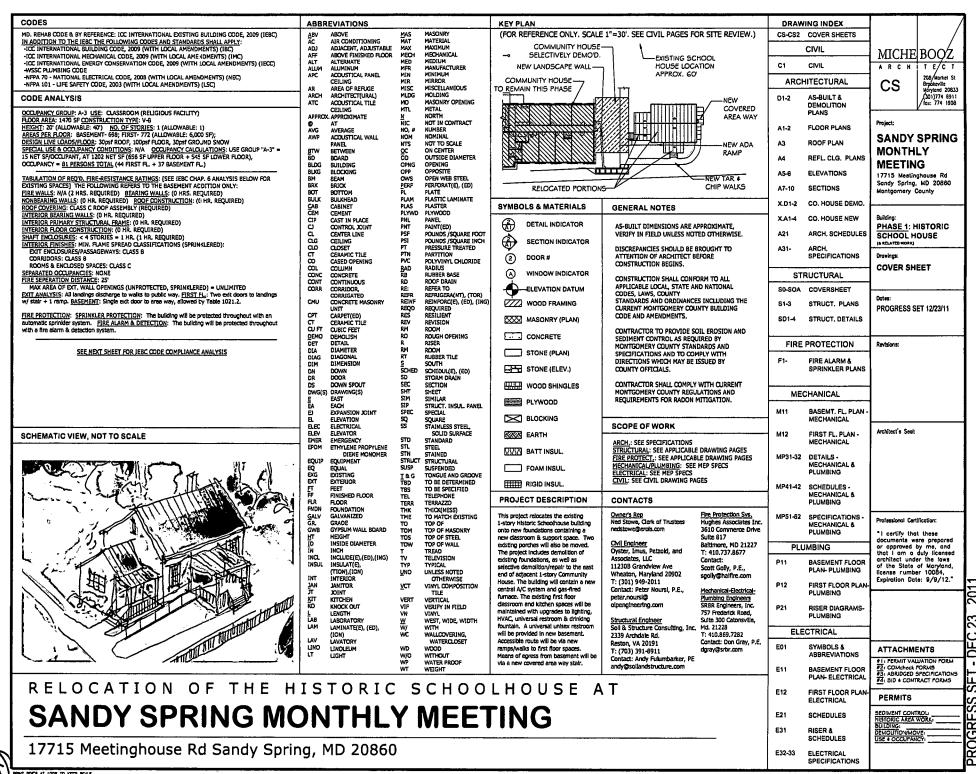
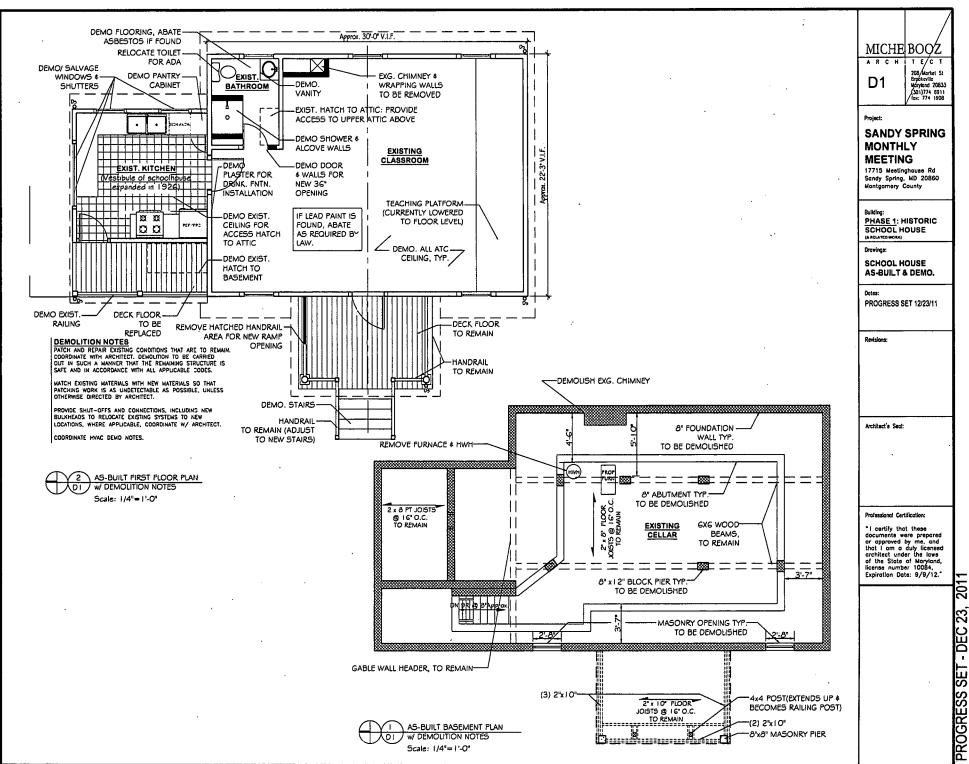


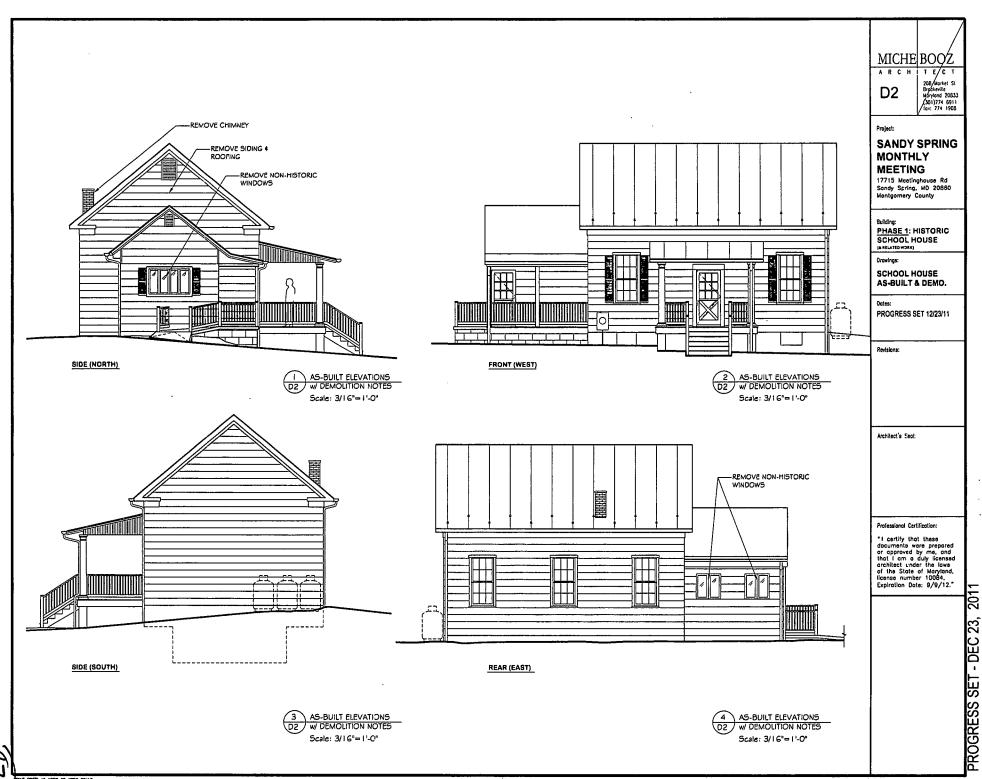
Diagram describing the scope of work for this Historic Area Work Permit.



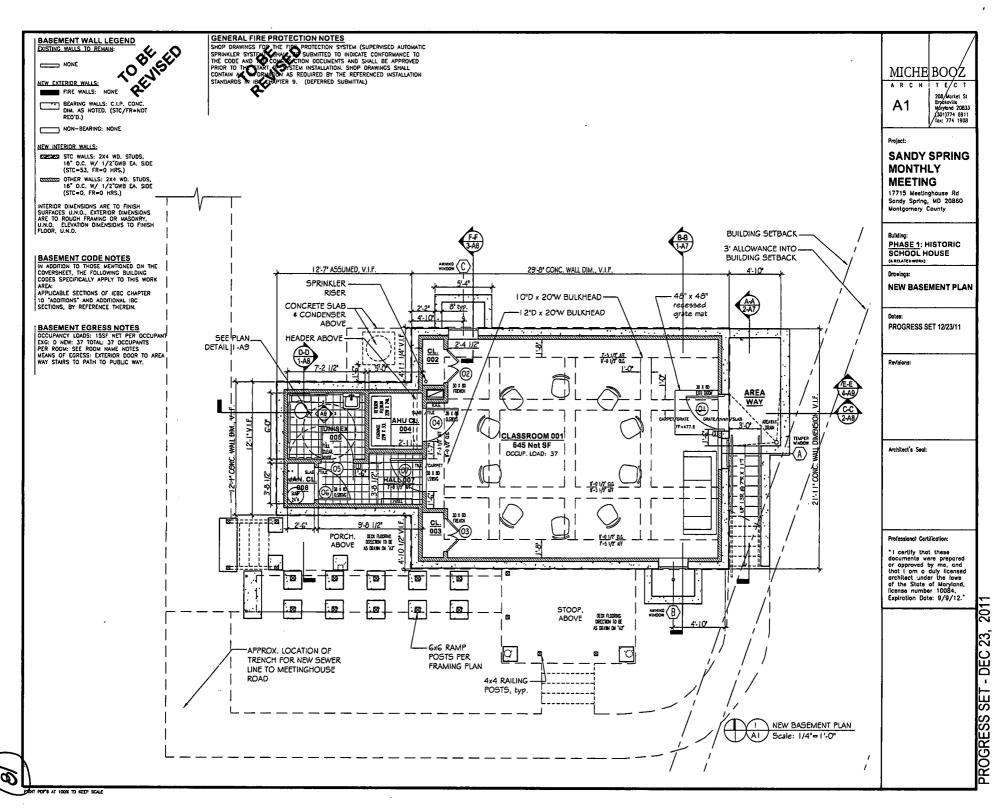




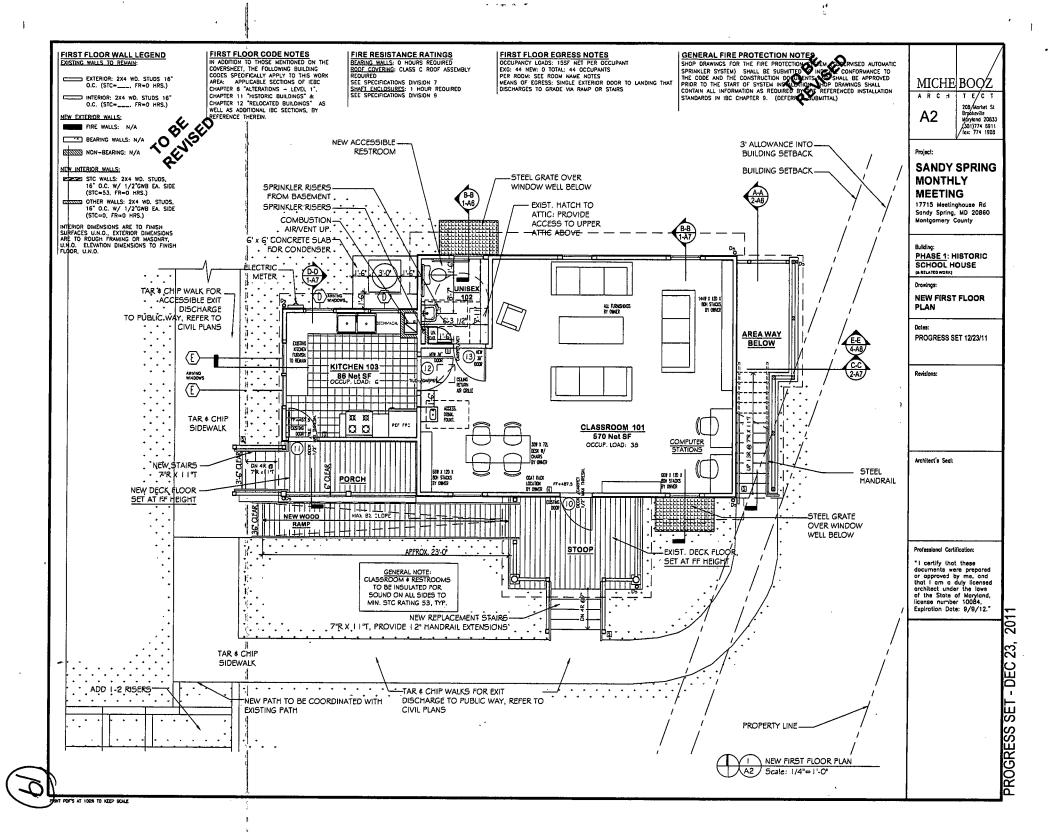
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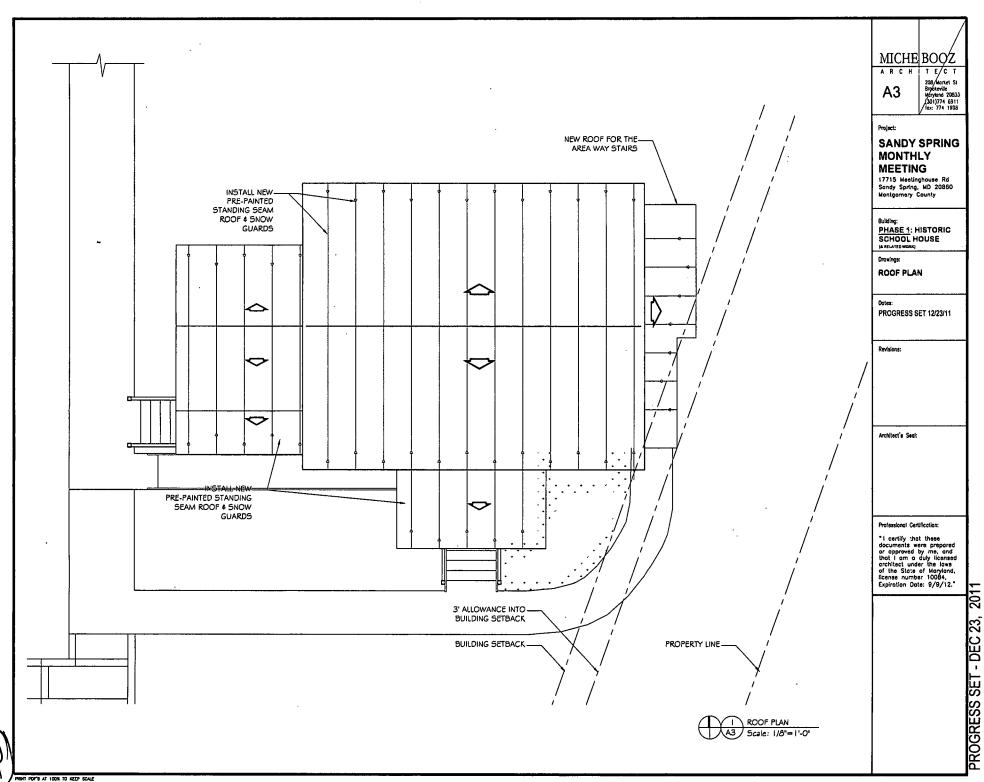


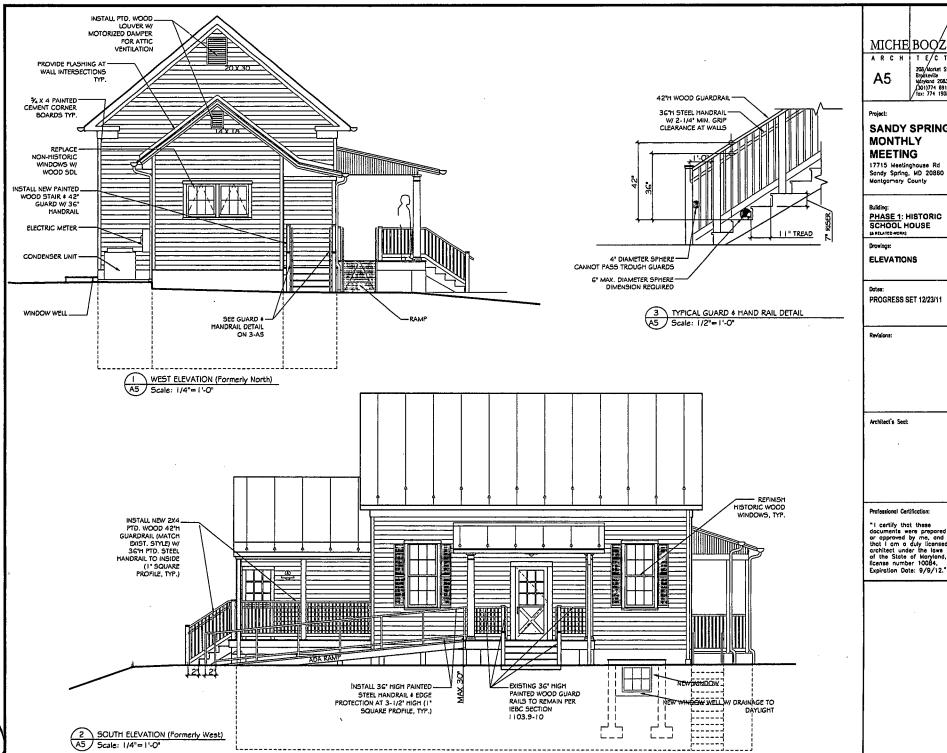
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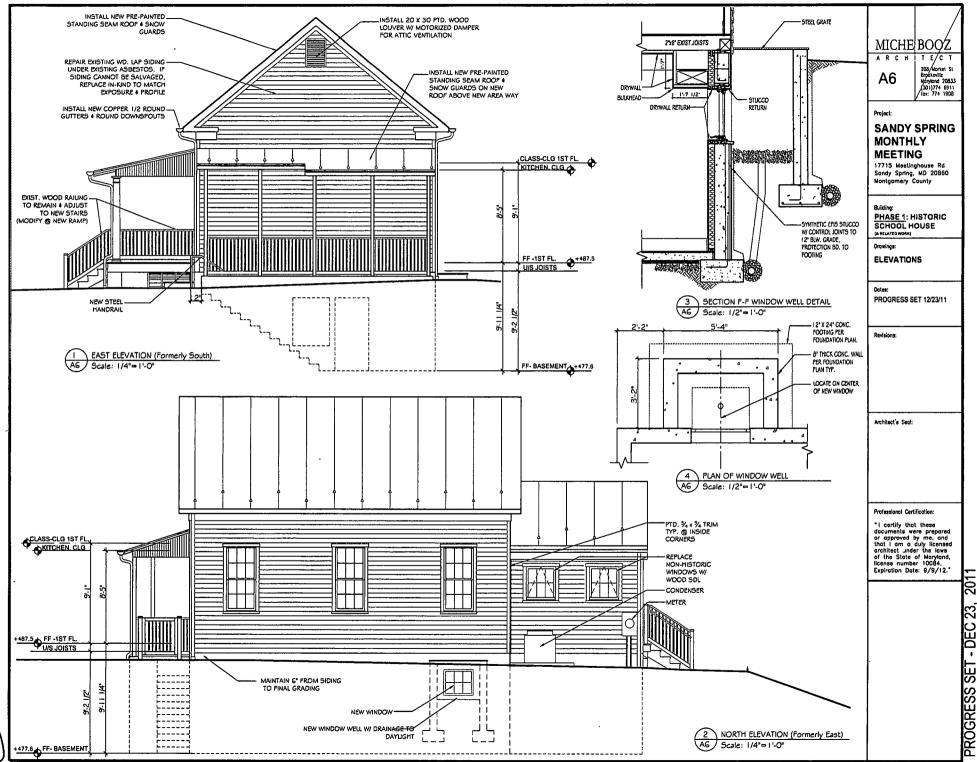
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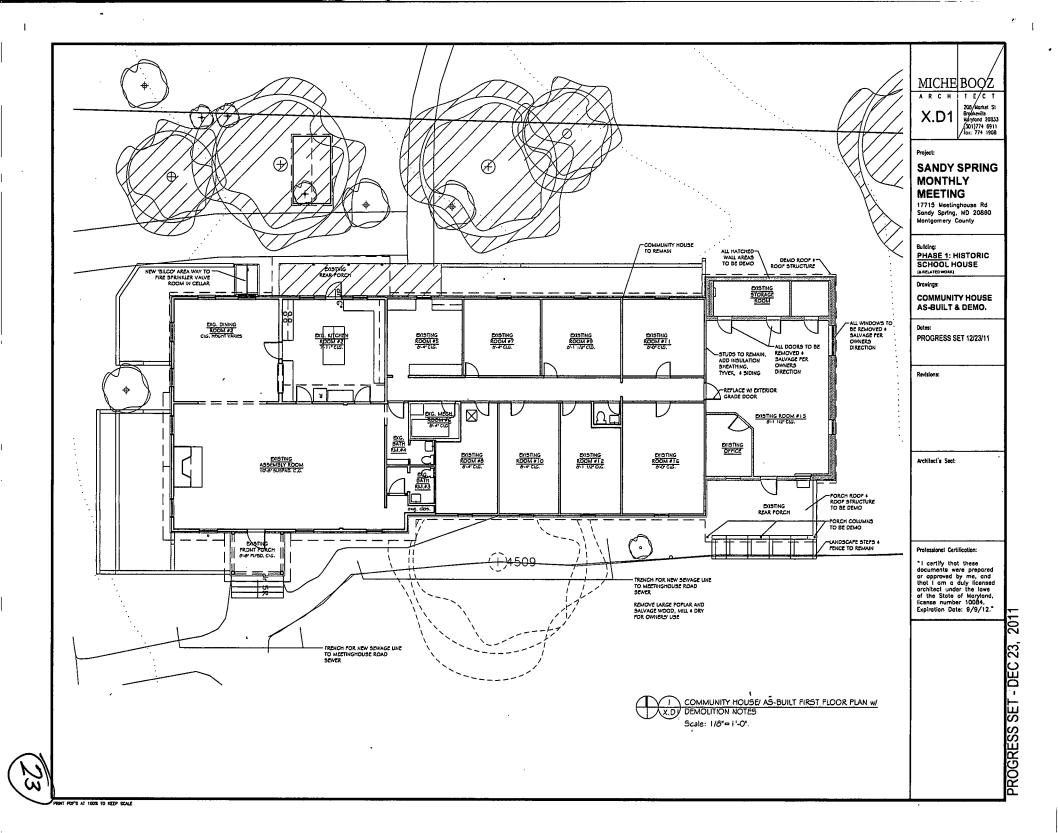
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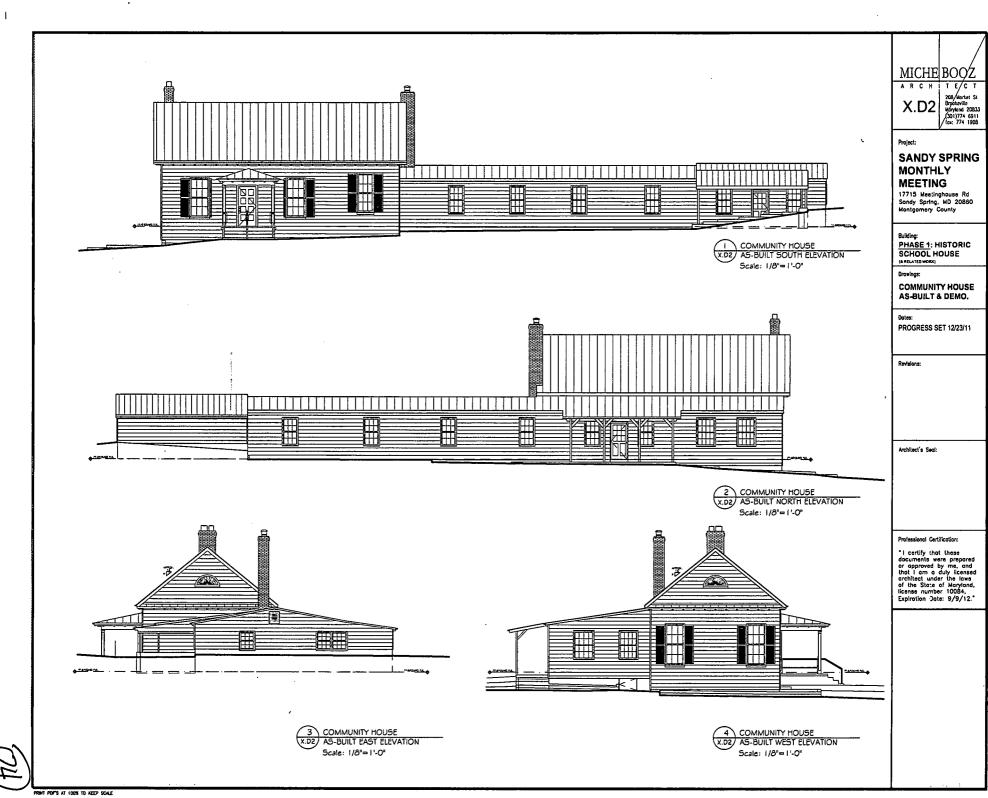
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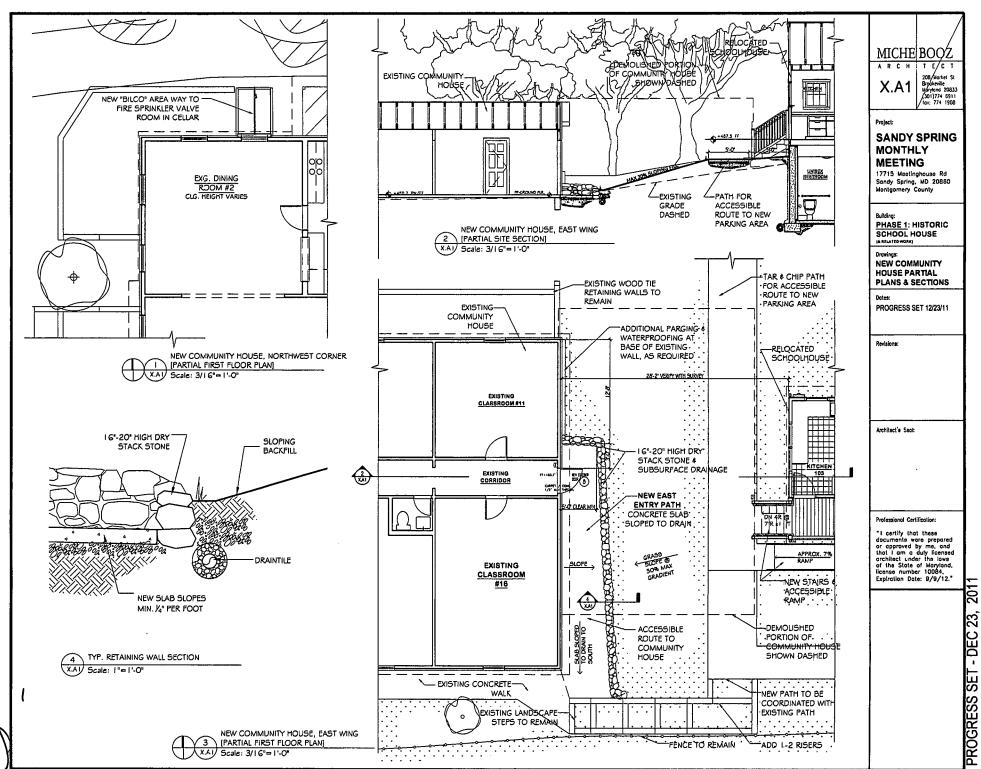


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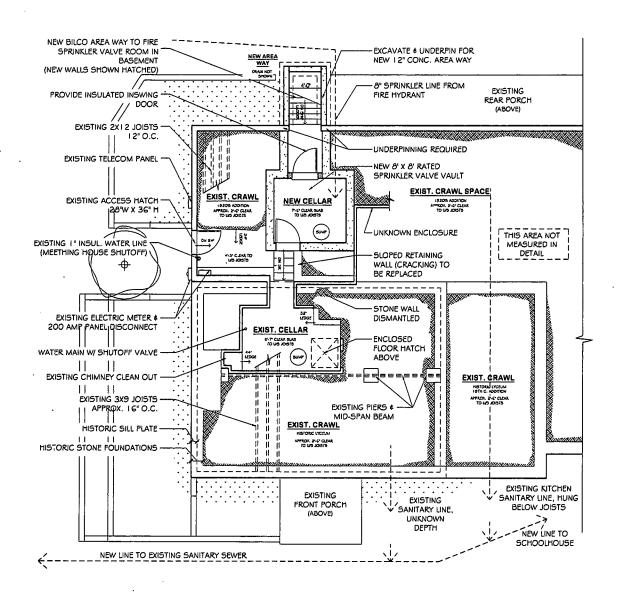




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#### **SANDY SPRING** MONTHLY **MEETING**

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**PHASE 1: HISTORIC** SCHOOL HOUSE

Drawings:

NEW COMMUNITY HOUSE PLANS

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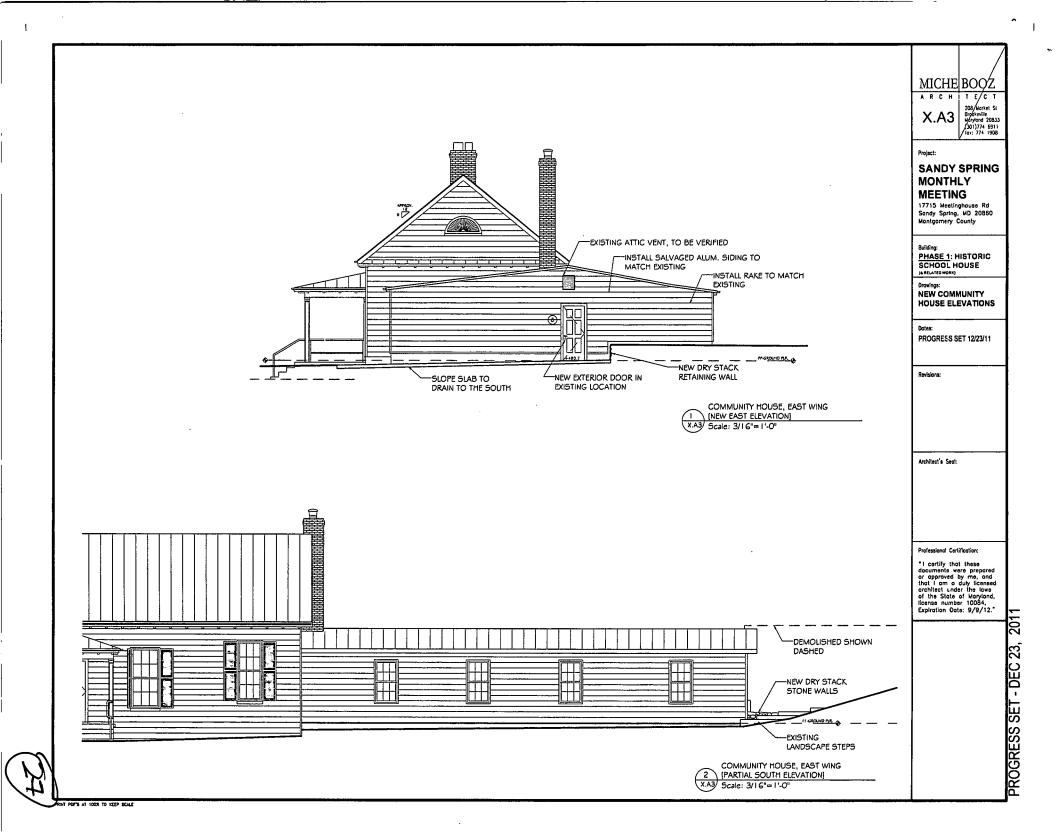
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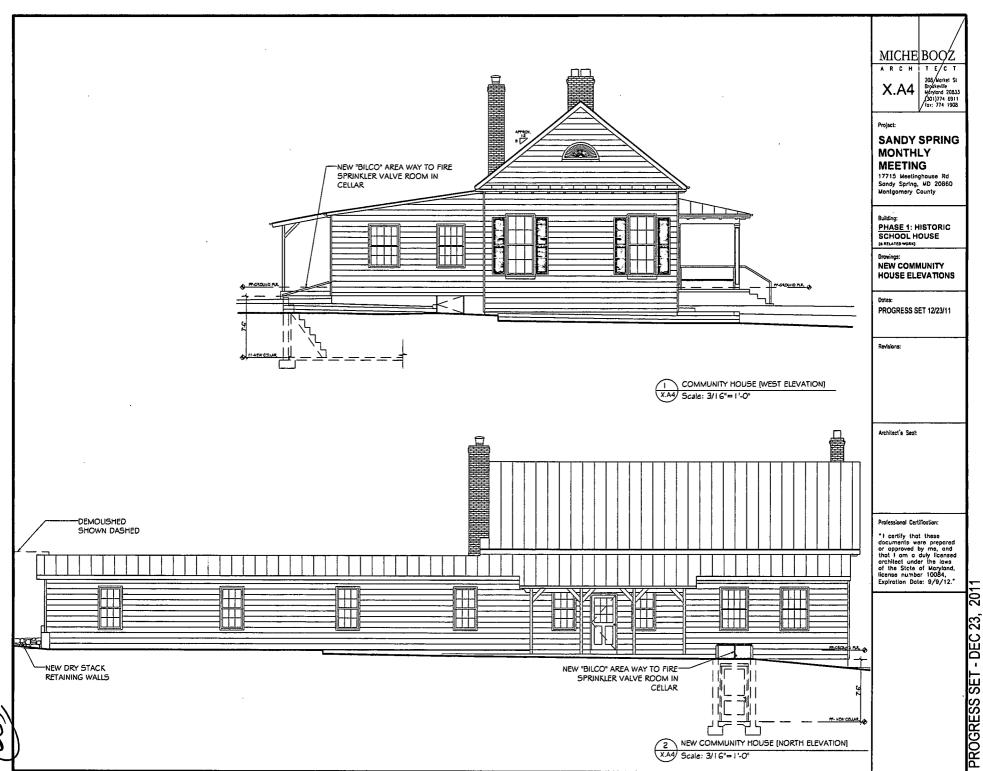
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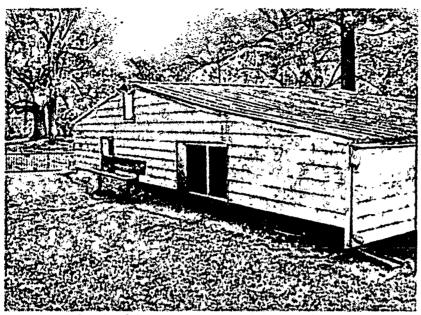
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The front of the school house in its current location.



The rear of the school house.



Current east façade of the Community House showing the 1985 classroom addition. This portion will be demolished as part of Phase 1 work.



Schoolhouse building in its current location. There will be only minor improvements to the exterior of the building, but the ramping will be changed in the new location.



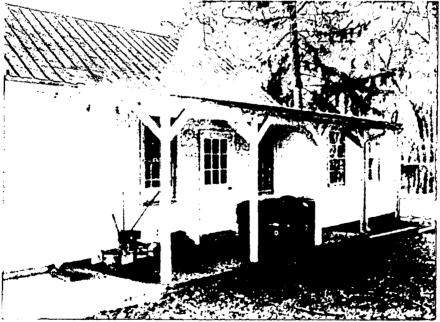
Historic photo of the Lyceum taken from the northwest. The meeting house is visible to the south. If the original lap siding is intact, it will be restored during future phase work.



The historic Meeting House and rural road viewed from the northeast. The Meeting House will be untouched by all phases of the proposed project.



Current view of the Community House from the southwest parking lot showing south and west facades. The recessed east wing of the building visible in the photo will be demolished (built 1978 and 1985). The back low-slope addition on the north side will remain. The visible corner of the graveyard fence will be chamfered (Two stone fence posts will replace the one.) The tulip poplar will be removed.



Existing porch on the north side of the Community House added in 1958. This porch will be kept.

HPC Meeting Transcript

December 21, 2011

#### MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION 1 2 3 PRELIMINARY CONSULTATION -17715 Meetinghouse Road Sandy Spring 5 6 A meeting in the above-entitled matter was held on 7 December 21, 2011, commencing at 7:32 p.m., in the MRO Auditorium at 8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, before: 10 COMMISSION CHAIRMAN 11. Leslie Miles 12 13 COMMISSION MEMBERS 14 15 Sandra Heiler William Kirwan 16 Paul Treseder Craig D. Swift 17 18 19 20 21 22

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#### ALSO PRESENT:

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Miche Booz, Architect	<i>:</i>		7 .

preliminary consultation for the Sandy Spring Monthly

Meeting. These folks can come up and sit at the table. And
do we have a brief staff report?

MR. SILVER: We sure do. This is at 17715

Meetinghouse Road. It's an outstanding resource. The main property is an outstanding resource in the Sandy Spring historic district. This is the second preliminary consultation. The HPC provided comments and feedback on the overall concept on development for this property. This is a phased approach due to the economics, the challenges associated with the project.

So what this includes is -- let me try and fix this microphone for a second. Hold on. Is that any better? It's not. It's resonating. Okay.

This still includes the relocation, there are sort of two primary things for you to review here this evening and provide feedback on. One is the relocation of the school house which the HCP already supported, but now includes a few alterations which include adding an area way at the right side elevation, and an ADA compliant ramp on the front elevation, as well as removal and replacement of the roof with a metal roof and a removal of the siding and installation of the fiber cement, or composite material siding.

It also includes some work to the Lyceum or better

known as the Community House. With the first preliminary consultation you reviewed there was, the proposal was to demolish the non-historic sections, or one complete section of the non-historic section, and the partial demolition of another non-historic section and construct a new addition. That will likely hopefully happen at a later date.

But what this includes is removal of a 1980's period addition in order to provide sufficient space for the replacement or the placement of schoolhouse from outside the district to inside the district, as well as some residing of the newly exposed elevation of the non-historic section, which includes an aluminum siding treatment, which they hope to put back onto the wall that's exposed as a result of this demolition of the 80's section.

It also includes the installation of a Bilco hatch door to the front of the resource to provide access to a required below grade sprinkler system that the Fire Department and WSSC are requiring.

I believe that's all, sort of the major components of the project. It does include -- I'm sorry, there is another thing. Forgive me. It is an installation of a dry stack stone retaining wall and a concrete or asphalt patio area which will provide space for staging of the relocation of the schoolhouse back into the district.

And these are temporary measures that will be



presumably removed in the future as this site continues to be developed. And they include six points in circle 5 of the staff report.

I will point out the one item that I would like to have the Commission discuss, which is, would fall under, I guess, number five, excuse me, number four would be the siding treatments to the schoolhouse building. And I can go through those, or would you rather just move into the presentation?

MS. MILES: Why don't we just move into the presentation.

MR. SILVER: Okay. And the architect is here and he's actually going to go through the presentation up here on the laptop. This was a collaborative effort.

MS. MILES: Thank you, Josh. Are there any questions for staff? Okay. If the applicant would please come forward and make a brief presentation.

MR. BOOZ: Good evening. I'm Miche Booz, and I'm here with Ned Stowe from the Sandy Spring Monthly Meeting.

And I guess we'll just go through the presentation. I did bring a pointer. Let's see.

This is the Community House as it is today. This map just shows the historic district shown here, the Lyceum Community House. You're going to hear that called two things. It was the Lyceum, but it's now called the

Community House. But this is, you can see, just barely, the long low roof, and then the section we are proposing to remove.

The actual historic Meeting House is here, which we are not doing anything to. This is just pretty much the same map showing the plan of the site itself. Again, this is the section to be removed. And this is the new location for the schoolhouse. The schoolhouse presently is here. Yet another diagram, and we have to go through all this again, but we are removing that and there is the schoolhouse and it is going over here.

Just photos of the historic buildings on the site.

There's the Meeting House from 1817, the schoolhouse as it is now, again, the Lyceum Community House. This is a house the Meeting owns that's on 108. This is just a streetscape of Sandy Spring.

This is an image that goes to phase three of this whole project. I don't know how many of you were part of that presentation, but we're, this evening, just really talking about phase one of the three phase project. This was the final phase, which was the Community House Lyceum, and it's a new addition once all of these classrooms come off and the new classroom building is built in the rear. What is happening now is the removal of this 1980's addition, non-historic addition.

These are photos of the Lyceum Community House, and you've seen the piece that we would like to remove.

We'll do this again. This is it again, and it's way down there.

This is the historic graveyard, here. Some elevations showing the building with the piece actually removed, and the grade as it comes down from where the schoolhouse will be over here.

This is the end that will now be exposed from the removal of this classroom. And we're asking to simply reclad that, sort of moth balling this until this gets removed in phase three. And we just would like to put back something that matches what's there, which is aluminum siding right now, which we'd like to replace and have wood siding on the building once we're finally finished with the project.

This is the schoolhouse as it is now. You can see that it's nicely landscaped. It has asbestos shingles on it, and some non-historic windows which we are proposing to replace with some simulated divided light windows. We'll be removing this ramp which currently serves the building, but we're going to pick it up in either one piece or three pieces. We don't know quite yet. And roll it down the hill over to here.

This is the, you know, all three phases complete,

phase one, phase two, and phase three.

MS. MILES: Thank you. Does anyone have any questions for the applicant?

MR. KIRWAN: I have one. On circle 23 in the staff report, there is, for the schoolhouse relocation, there is a typical wood guardrail detail which is showing what I believe to be an older code requirement where the rail has to extend one tread plus 12 inches beyond the last riser.

And I believe the current code requirement only requires 12 inches beyond the last riser. And it seems to be consistent with other things in your drawing. And I think it would actually be, that old code detail looks very funky on stairs.

MR. BOOZ: I totally agree with you.

MR. KIRWAN: And so I think the 12-inch requirement would be, I just wanted to make sure is done consistently, if that's the intention.

MR. BOOZ: We were just going to do what the code The last project we did, I think, we probably had requires. to do the former, but I prefer to do the better one.

MR. KIRWAN: Yes, I believe this is the new code Yes. But, I mean, you should check on that. requirement.

MR. BOOZ: 2009.

MR. KIRWAN: And it also only applies to the



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handrail, too, not the guardrail sections. But sometimes 2 it's even nicer just to let the pipe rail --MR. BOOZ: Just extend. 3 MR. KIRWAN: -- be the 12 inches extension and return to the newel, so that the newel can sort of be in its more traditional position on the bottom, the bottom track. MR. BOOZ: 7 We agree. MR. KIRWAN: Good. 8 Thanks. MS. MILES: If there are no other questions, 9 rather than have everyone speak, I'm going to go through the 10 six items on which the applicant has asked for guidance and 11 12 just ask if anyone has any objections to what is proposed. 13 So just speak up if anyone objects to the installation of the Bilco hatch, which is not what's in the staff report, 14 but as amended today, the Bilco hatch on the north elevation 15 of the Lyceum Community House? Any concerns? 16 17 Installation of the temporary concrete patio and stone retaining wall on the east side elevation of the 18 19 Lyceum Community House? No concerns. 2.0 Relocation of the existing schoolhouse to within the historic district? No concerns. 21 22 Removal and replacement of asbestos wood siding with cementitious siding product on the schoolhouse 23 building? 24 25 MR. KIRWAN: Yes. I mean, I do agree with the

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staff's recommendation on the placement, in common with wood or what even with salvage that is existing, if that's possible. MS. MILES: Okay. Does anyone else have any 4 5 comment on that subject? 6 MR. TRESEDER: I would just comment that the shutters should also be salvaged if possible. 7 8 MS. MILES: Okay. It looks from the photos like they 9 MR. TRESEDER: 10 are original shutters on the building. 11 MR. BOOZ: Yes, the intention is to salvage them. MS. MILES: It sounds like you are getting some 12 guidance to salvage what is salvageable. Construction of a 13 14 new area way on the east side, and the ADA ramp on the south 15 side of the schoolhouse building. No concerns. And approvable material treatments for all permanent walkways 16 and services. 17. 18 It looks like you are on track I see no concerns. 19 for approval. If you want to come back for a HAWP, we would love to see you do so. This is listing all the elements and 20 21 all the staged pieces, right? 22 MR. BOOZ: Yes. 23 MS. MILES: Okay. 24 MR. BOOZ: Yes, the only, I mean, I'll just say, 25 the only reason that we were proposing fiber cement siding



2	asked me to do that. So I hear your concerns.	
. 3	MS. MILES: Okay. Very good. Thank you very	
4	much.	
5	MR. BOOZ: Thank you.	
6	MS. MILES: Okay. Do we have minutes for	
7	November 15th, 2011?	
8	MS. FOTHERGILL: No, I believe Kevin just sent	
9	them out this week.	
10	MR. KIRWAN: I did receive them on Tuesday and I	
11	haven't had time to look at them.	
12	MS. MILES: Then I assume not December 7th. Okay	
13	do we have any Commission items? I believe we have one or	
14	two staff items.	
15	MR. SILVER: There is one staff item for the	
16	installation of flagstone for the front walkway at 22 West	
17	Irving Street in lieu of concrete, and that's for your	
18	approval.	
19	MS. MILES: And I believe that was given upstairs	
20	MR. SILVER: That's correct.	
21	MS. MILES: Okay.	
22	MR. SILVER: Thanks.	
23	MS. MILES: And do you have a brief announcement?	
24	MR. WHIPPLE: Yes. I would just like to announce	
25	that the Planning Department has received an award from the	

was obviously for maintenance reasons. And the Meeting had

1	Maryland Historic Trust, the State Historic Preservation
2	Office, for our work on historic preservation mapping GIS
3	the mapping tool that's on our website. And so we will be
4	recognized at a ceremony in January in Annapolis.
5	MS. MILES: Congratulations. And I'm going to
6	volunteer to do the minutes tonight.
7	MS. HEILER: Oh, we all wanted to volunteer.
8	MR. TRESEDER: Chairman prerogative.
. 9	MS. MILES: If there are no other items, we are
10.	adjourned.
11	(Whereupon, at 7:46 p.m., the hearing was
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From:

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Silver, Joshua 'Miche Booz'

Subject:

SSMM Schoolhouse HAWP

Josh,

After discussing the Schoolhouse HAWP, I feel we need to postpone this review, consolidate some of the loose ends, and reschedule our HAWP review to the December commission meeting.

In the interim, let's try to get together Friday Dec. 2 at 1pm at your offices.

Thanks,

Joe

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