

Graniteville Meeting June 2, 2015: 12 North Main Street

Located in the Graniteville Historic District, the former Abbot Worsted mill building, with its bell tower and massive local granite walls, has been an iconic structure in the neighborhood and a driver of economic activity for generations. The Board of Selectmen prioritized the cleanup of this site as a critical goal for our town, and the 12 North Main Street Task Force was assembled to study alternatives to redevelop the property for productive reuse.

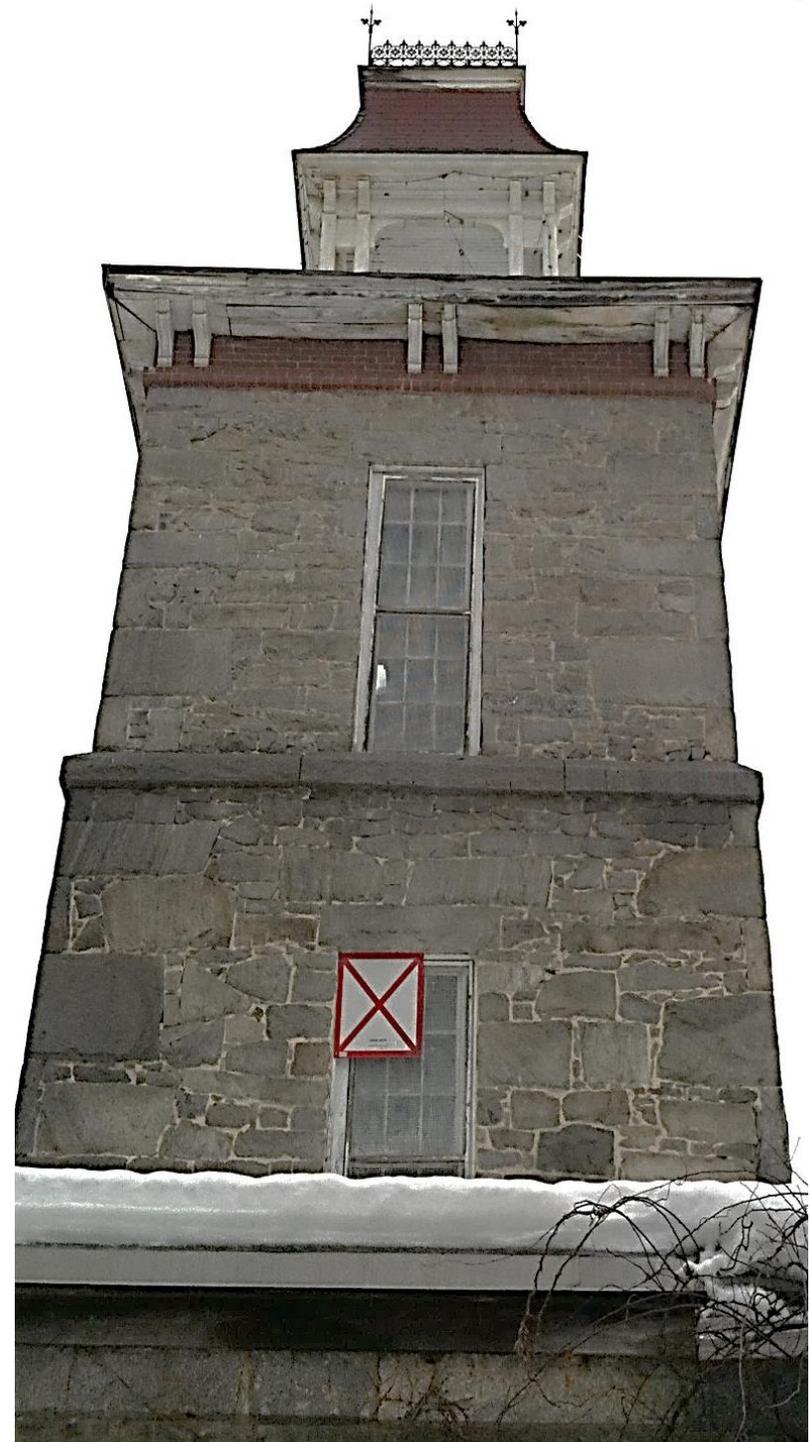
The task force determined that the historical aspects of the property were significant, and that reuse alternatives that included revitalization of the historic building were preferable. Our 2015 Annual Town Meeting supported the use of \$75,000 in Community Preservation Act funds to conduct an historic preservation feasibility and building stabilization study, which is scheduled for completion in September 2015 to allow building stabilization recommendations to be implemented before winter.

We secured funding through the Brownfields Redevelopment Access to Capital (BRAC) program for 50% of the premiums for environmental insurance, and we are actively pursuing Environmental Protection Agency Brownfield funds and MassDevelopment Brownfield funds. We secured 60 hours of technical assistance from Northern Middlesex Council of Governments to assist with the process of applying for inclusion in the State's Expedited Local Permitting Program under Chapter 43D.

Current Task Force Work Activities (full 2015 work plan available online)

- Finalizing foreclosure of parcels to secure town ownership
- Continuing to analyze potential reuse options
- Selecting architect for preservation feasibility study
- Publishing a community input survey
- Communicating and coordinating with abutting property owners
- Holding public task force meetings every other Wednesday (next June 10th)
- Seeking feedback at Strategic Planning Retreat on June 18, 2015

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12 North Main Street parcel outlined in red

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