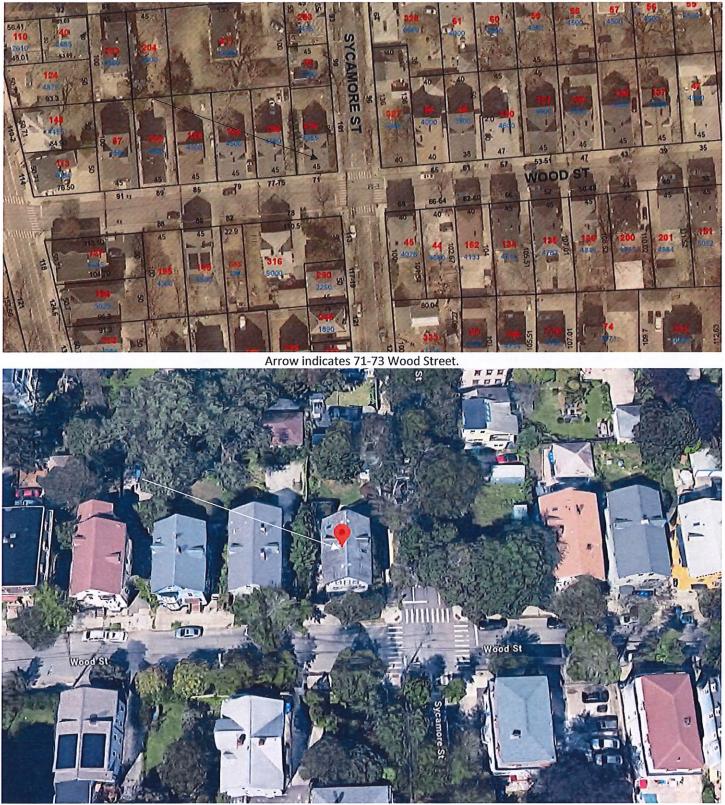
PHDC Staff Report January 22, 2024

### 2) CASE 24.003, 71-73 WOOD STREET, House, 1885 (ARMORY)

2½-story; end-gable; three-bay with side-hall double-entry bracketed hood, clapboard dwelling; with gabled dormers. CONTRIBUTING



Arrow indicates project location, looking north.

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Applicants/Owners: Nidal & Sameh Fakouri, 71 Wood Street, Providence, RI 02909 Architect: Mark Rapp, ACME Architects LLC, 9 Simmons Road, Little Compton, RI 02837 Contractor: Venture Window, 33 Freeway Drive, Cranston, RI 02920

Proposal: The scope of work proposed consists of Major Alterations and includes:

• the installation of 31 insulated replacement windows (see attached narrative).

Issues: The following issues are relevant to this application:

- Evaluation: At present the windows are in fair condition and are wood frame with single pane glazing. Of the 31 windows to be replaced, two (2) are wood sash replacements by Heritage Restoration, three (3) are earlier wood sash replacement and the remaining 26 units are most likely original windows. All current DH configurations are 2/2. <u>Sash Replacement</u>: The proposal is to replace al thirty one (31) units on all three floors. The replacement sashes shall be as follows: The new double hung sashes shall be Trimline Ultra Fit (Classic Clad) sash replacement kit. These are wood units, insulated glazing with aluminum clad exterior and vinyl jamb liners. Muntins to be simulated divided light. Exterior color to be *bronze* or *hunter green*. New window screens to be half-window. All will remain in their original 2/2 configuration and all window sizes shall remain the same. The existing sashes and aluminum storm windows shall be removed;
- The Owner would like to replace the existing sashes with new sashes for three reasons: <u>Energy Efficiency</u> The new sashes, with insulated glass, and more efficient jamb liners and function are an improvement in air infiltration and U-value over the existing single pane windows with storm windows. The existing storm windows have weep holes in the sill which allow air to enter the building. Also, the weight pockets are to be filled with spray foam insulation to complete the envelope insulation. <u>Aesthetics</u> The Owner is willing to install replacement window sashes which are nearly identical to the existing ones. The muntin size and spacing will be matched. The difference in glass area reduction is 2% for unit "A". From the exterior, the new sashes, along with removal of the storm windows, will result in windows which are close to the original in size, function, appearance and profile depth with windows within the wall plane, which is diminished by the storm windows. <u>Lead Safety</u> The removal of the existing painted wood sashes, combined with the new sash operation with greatly reduce lead exposure within the building
- The house is a multi-family and is required to obtain a lead-safe certificate for compliance with RIGL § 42-128.1-8; and,
- An architect's narrative, plans and photos have been submitted.

Recommendations: The staff recommends the PHDC make the following findings of fact:

- a) 71-73 Wood Street is a structure of historical and architectural significance that contribute to the significance of the Armory local historic district, having been recognized as a contributing structure to the Broadway/Armory National Register Historic District;
- b) The application for Major Alterations is considered complete; and,
- c) The work as proposed is in accord with PHDC Standards 2 & 8 as follows: the proposed alterations are appropriate having determined that the proposed construction will be similar in size and appearance to the existing, matching in visual features (Standard 2) and is architecturally and historically compatible with the property and district having an appropriate size, scale and form that while diminishing the historic quality of the property will not have an adverse effect on the property or district while allowing the property to come into compliance with RIGL § 42-128.1-8.

Staff recommends a motion be made stating that: The application is considered complete. 71-73 Wood Street is a structure of historical and architectural significance that contribute to the significance of the Armory local historic district, having been recognized as a contributing structure to the Broadway/Armory National Register Historic District. The Commission grants Final Approval of the proposal as submitted having determined that the proposed alterations are appropriate as the proposed alterations will be similar in size and appearance to the existing, matching in visual features (Standard 2) and architecturally and historically compatible with the property and district having an appropriate size, scale and form that while diminishing the historic quality of the property will not have an adverse effect on the property or district (Standard 8) and allows the property to come into compliance with RIGL § 42-128.1-8, citing and agreeing to the recommendations in the staff report, with staff to review any additional required details.

Project: Two-Family Residence Address: 71-73 Wood Street, Providence, RI 02909 Date: 1 January 2024 Re: Application Information

# NARRATIVE – Scope of Work

## Window Replacement

The client would like to replace window sashes in a portion of the first, second and third floors of the building. The building is an Owner occupied two family residence.

### **Evaluation**

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### ACME Architect LLC

9 Simmons Road Little Compton Rhode Island 02837 MarkRappArchitect.com Tel 401.465.5247 Fax 401.635.8662 profile depth with windows within the wall plane, which is diminished by the storm windows.

 Lead Safety – The removal of the existing painted wood sashes, combined with the new sash operation with greatly reduce lead exposure within the building.

In conclusion, we believe that the replacement sashes for this building closely match the design intent and function of the existing units. The window frames along with interior and exterior casings and trim are to remain. Improving building performance and safety, while maintaining design integrity is the goal of this work.

## End of Narrative



Figure 1 - Wood Street



Figure 2 - Corner of Wood & Sycamore



Figure 3 - Sycamore Street



Figure 4 - Rear of house



Figure 5 - West side



Figure 6 - Dormer window "D"



Figure 7 - Window "A" Sycamore Street



Figure 8 - Window "A" – Rear



Figure 9 - Unit "A"



Figure 10 - Detail with stick support



Figure 11 - detail of original unit



Figure 12 - sash replacement - Heritage



Figure 13 - Sash replacement – 5/8" muntin

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Plat	Lot	Address	Owner & Address
36	150	75 Wood Street	Elmwood Capital LLC 234 Wst Canton St., No.3 Boston, MA 02116
36	76	99 Sycamore Street	Silver Bolt LLC 68 Hudson Street Providence, RI 02909
36	327	96 Sycamore Street	Jeffery Ward 100 Sycamore Street Providence, RI 02909 - 1931
36	316	76 Wood Street	Abigail & John Phillips 76 Wood Street Providence, RI 02909

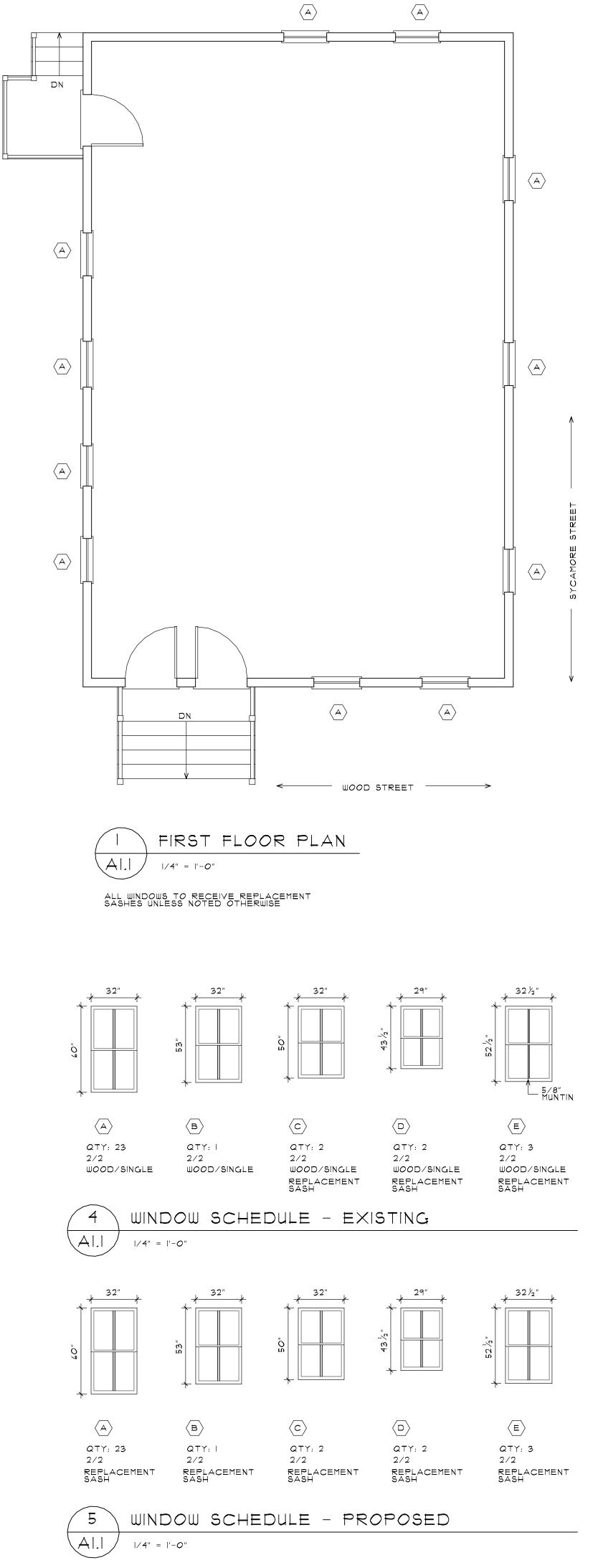
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## **EXHIBIT 10**

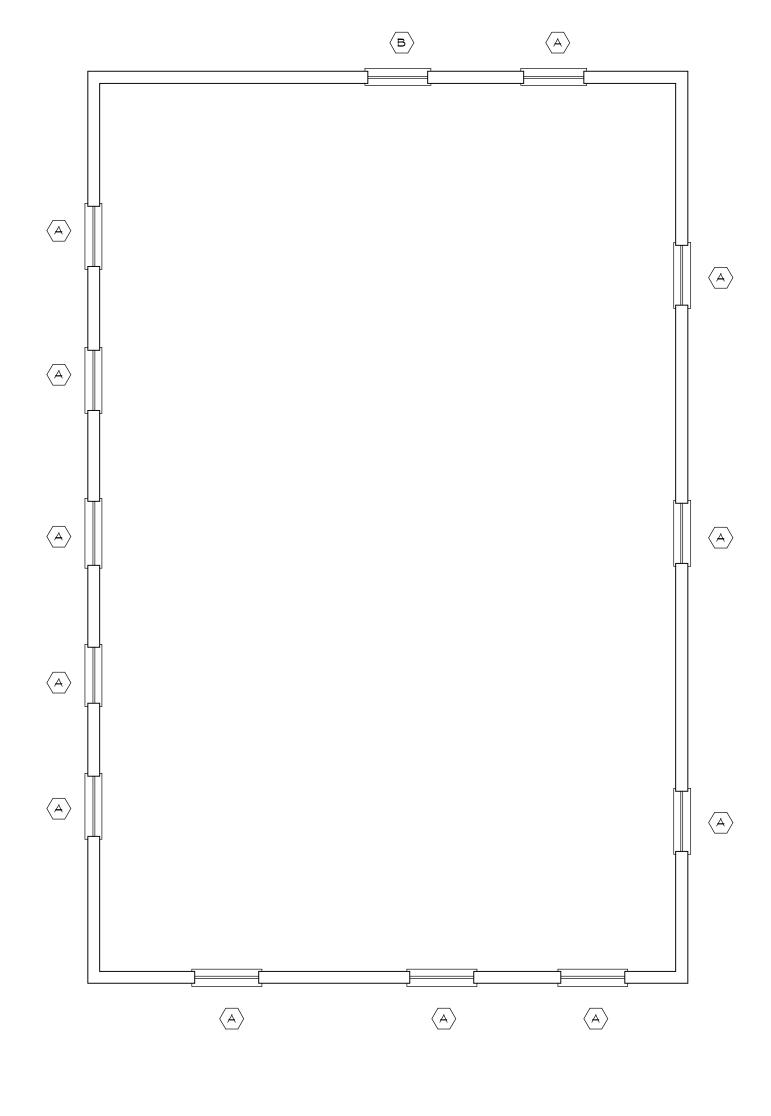
Mark Rapp, Architect, will appear on behalf of the applicant

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End of Exhibit 10



ALL PROPOSED UNITS SHALL BE ALUMINUM CLAD WOOD SASHES W/ INSULATED GLAZING



2 SECOND FLOOR PLAN AII|∕4″ = |'−O″

ALL WINDOWS TO RECEIVE REPLACEMENT SASHES UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE



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