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July 15, 2015

Bob McCarthy, Chairman
Building Renovation Committee
Memorial Hall
801 Washington Street
Canton, MA 02021

Dear Mr. McCarthy and Members of the Building Renovation Committee:

Spencer & Vogt Group, Inc. is pleased to submit our proposal for designer services and production of an Historic Structure Report to the Town of Canton as it seeks to assess, preserve and rehabilitate the historic David Tilden House. This little red house, one of Canton's oldest, is a rare First Period structure and a reminder of the town's agrarian past. Our firm would be honored to help ensure the vitality and functionality of this treasured building as its stewards envision a secure and growing role for it in the community.

In presenting our qualifications, we would like to emphasize several aspects of our team's credentials that we believe set us apart.

Experience with historically significant buildings

Lynne Spencer, Principal/Preservationist, and Patrick Guthrie, Project Architect, have long worked in the field of historic preservation, with experience on some of New England's most treasured landmarks, including Old North Church in Boston, H.H. Richardson's "Stonehurst" in Waltham and Oakes Ames Hall in North Easton, the Buckman Tavern in Lexington, Charles Bulfinch's First Church in Lancaster, Church of the Covenant in Boston, Longfellow's Wayside Inn in Sudbury, and the Abigail Adams Birthplace in Weymouth. All of our work on historic properties is guided by *The Secretary of the Interiors Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties*.

Sensitive assessments, restorations and renovations of historic wood frame buildings

Our firm has performed assessments and feasibility studies, as well as directed preservation and renovation projects, for numerous public and private 18th and 19th century wood frame structures. In addition to those listed above and included as project descriptions in this proposal, we have worked at the Nahant Lifesaving Station (1890), the North Andover Historical Society (1715 and mid-19th c.), the Wheeler-Harrington House in Concord (1742), and the Tremont Nail Factory in Wareham (mid-19th c.). We recently completed an assessment and feasibility study for the Loring Parsonage in Sudbury and are currently engaged in a renovation and building addition project at the Conant House in Falmouth. In her work at Historic New England, Lynne Spencer directed projects at a number of First Period Houses including the Boardman House in Saugus; Spencer-Peirce-Little Farm, the Coffin House, and the Swett-Isley House in Newbury; and the Jackson Homestead in Portsmouth, NH.

A long history working with historic house museums and study properties

Lynne Spencer has deep understanding of historic houses and house museums gained in more than a decade at Historic New England (formerly the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities) where she managed 150 properties. Lynne is president of the Nahant Historical Society and was instrumental in establishing the Nahant Preservation Trust which manages the rehabilitated Nahant Lifesaving Station. Patrick Guthrie's experience as HABS architect with the National Park

Service included the assessment of historic structures across the country. Preservation Planner Lynn Smiledge served as curator of the historic collection for the City of Methuen and helped direct operations at the Andover Historical Society through service on its board.

A collaborative team of professionals

We have a long track record of successful projects at historic buildings with subconsultants Structures North Consulting Engineers (structural engineers), Finch & Rose (historic framing and fabric consultant) and American Tower & Steeple (cost estimator). Our group can commit to the efficient and timely performance of all aspects of the project.

Experience with municipalities, state regulations and grant funding

Our firm has worked with more than 45 Massachusetts cities and towns and is fully conversant and experienced with all Massachusetts regulations, including the Building Code (8th edition), MAAB and ADA. We have a longtime relationship with the Massachusetts Historical Commission and are well versed in local and state historic review processes. The majority of our preservation projects receive grant funding and we are experienced with both administering and obtaining grants for our clients.

Please note that we were not able to supply the information requested in the RFQ without exceeding the stated page number limit.

Our experience with historic buildings provides us with a unique respect for their lifetime use and inherent possibilities. Should we be selected for this project, we would strive to exceed your expectations.

Yours truly,

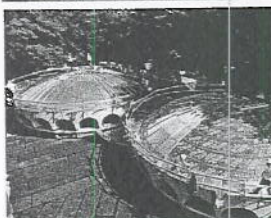


Lynne Spencer
Principal/Preservationist



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Spencer & Vogt Group was launched by Lynne Spencer and Arthur Vogt in 2013 after a decade of working together at Menders, Torrey & Spencer, Inc. A full-service architectural and planning firm, we maintain an exclusive focus on existing and historic structures. Our projects often start with a conditions assessment in which we identify, diagnose and document problems and make treatment recommendations. We are skilled at preservation, restoration, rehabilitation and the introduction of handicap access and infrastructure.

Our award-winning work is characterized by inventive, sustainable design. Attractive, functional architectural solutions are a direct result of our strong client relationships. We are privileged to enjoy the loyalty of long-standing relationships with many clients and repeated opportunities to collaborate on their projects.

Spencer & Vogt Group is a studio practice and our staff is our most important asset. We encourage professional and personal growth in an environment that fosters mutual respect and imaginative thinking. Our consultants are chosen from a pool of experienced professionals with whom we have long-term relationships.

In addition to comprehensive architectural and planning services, Spencer & Vogt Group offers investigational and feasibility studies, comprehensive interior design and graphic design, and a full array of historic preservation research and documentation services including the preparation of National Register of Historic Places and National Historic Landmark nominations.

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Employment of Principals/Partners at Predecessor Firm:

Arthur O. Vogt, AIA	2004
Lynne M. Spencer, Preservation	1997

Personnel:

Registered Architects:	3
Project Manager:	1
Architectural Designers:	2
Preservationists:	2
Administrative:	1
Total Personnel:	9

Partner, Preservationist:	Lynne M. Spencer (18 years)
Partner, Registered Architect:	Arthur O. Vogt, AIA (11 years)
Registered Architect, Preservationist:	Patrick Guthrie, RA (17 years)
Architect:	Susan Hurst, RA (1 year)
Project Manager:	Tom Burgess (5 years)
Architectural Designers:	Nick Curtis (4 years)
	Chris Prud'homme (2 years)
Preservation Planner:	Lynn Smiledge (7 years)
Business Manager:	Anne Brown (10 years)

Annual Value of Projects Bid:

Approximate project value, 2009:	\$18,000,000
Approximate project value, 2010:	\$15,000,000
Approximate project value, 2011:	\$13,500,000
Approximate project value, 2012:	\$23,000,000
Approximate project value, 2013:	\$15,000,000
Approximate project value, 2014:	\$12,000,000

Practice by Type of Work:

Building Studies/Master Planning, Commercial, Historic Preservation, Houses of Worship, Institutional, Public

Project Awards:

Old Town Hall, Bedford MA - 2006 Adaptive Reuse Award, Massachusetts Historical Commission
Old Colony Historical Society, Taunton, MA - 2009 Accessible Design Award, MAAB/BSA
North Parish Church, North Andover, MA - 2011 Accessible Design Award, MAAB/BSA
Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA - 2011 Paul E. Tsongas Preservation Award, Preservation Massachusetts
First Church in Salem, Salem, MA - 2012 Preservation Award, Historic Salem
Frederic C. Adams Heritage Center, Kingston, MA - 2013 Rehabilitation & Restoration Award, Massachusetts Historical Commission
Church of the Covenant, Boston, MA - 2013 Preservation Award, Boston Preservation Alliance
Brookline Bank Headquarters, Boston, MA - 2013 Preservation Award, Boston Preservation Alliance
First Church in Lancaster, Lancaster, MA - 2014 Stewardship Award, Massachusetts Historical Commission

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Representative Client List

Abigail Adams Birthplace
Weymouth, MA

Boston Center for
Jewish Heritage
Boston, MA

Fairhaven High School
Fairhaven, MA

First Church in Lancaster
Lancaster, MA

North Parish Church
North Andover, MA

Fall River Water Works
Fall River, MA

Forest Hills Cemetery
Jamaica Plain, MA

Historic Boston Inc.
Boston, MA

Endicott House at MIT
Dedham, MA

Capt. John Wilson House
& Maritime Museum
Cohasset, MA

Museum of Fine Arts
Boston, MA

Oakes Ames
Memorial Hall
North Easton, MA

Old Colony
Historical Society
Taunton, MA

Old North Church
Boston, MA

Old Town Hall
Bedford, MA

Stone Building
Lexington, MA

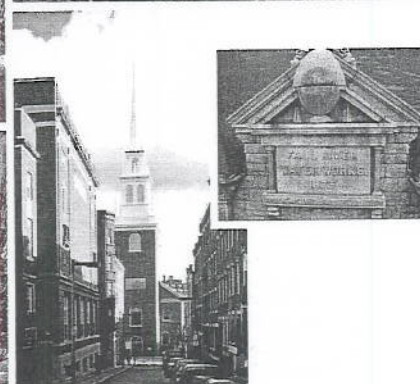
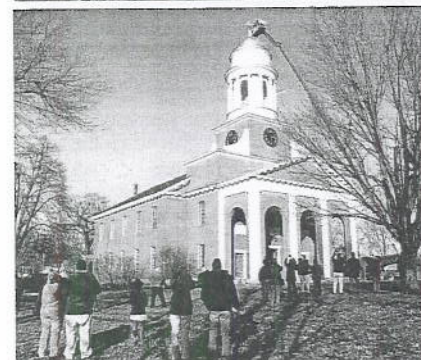
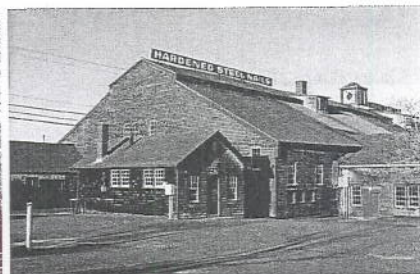
"Stonehurst"
Robert Treat Paine Estate
Waltham, MA

Tremont Nail Factory
Wareham, MA

Longfellow's Wayside Inn
Sudbury, MA

Edith Wharton Estate
Lenox, MA

Spencer & Vogt Group has extensive experience with historic buildings. Among our projects are numerous National Historic Landmarks and properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places. We are well versed in the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties* and are practiced in working with state preservation agencies. Our work with historic sites has emphasized preservation, adaptive reuse, sensitive additions and renovations, code compliance upgrades and accessibility. We routinely perform historic structure reports, conditions assessments, feasibility studies and master plans, and help clients identify and obtain grant funding.



Clockwise from top right: Tremont Nail Factory, Abigail Adams Birthplace, Old North Church, Fall River Water Works (detail), First Church in Lancaster, Oakes Ames Memorial Hall, The Stone Building

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PRESERVATION PLANNING

Representative Client List

Old North Church
Boston, MA

The Buckman Tavern
Lexington, MA

Longfellow's Wayside Inn
Sudbury, MA

The Stone Building
Lexington, MA

Oakes Ames Memorial Hall
North Easton, MA

"Stonehurst," Robert Treat
Paine Estate
Waltham, MA

First Church in Lancaster
Lancaster, MA

The Algonquin Club
Boston, MA

Tremont Nail Factory
Wareham, MA

Abigail Adams Birthplace
Weymouth, MA

Fall River Waterworks
Fall River, MA

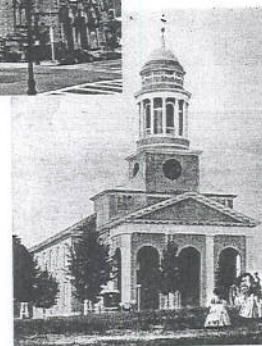
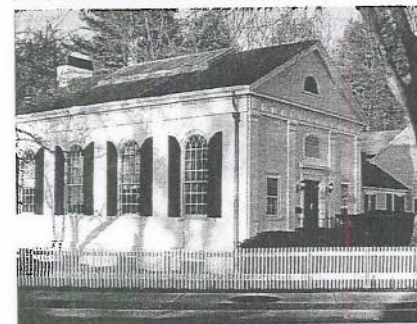
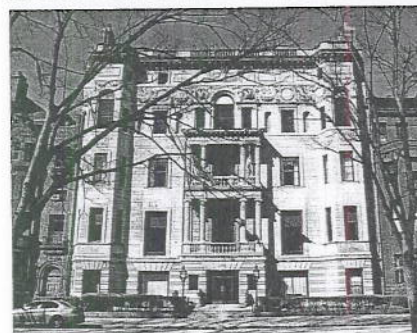
Old Colony
Historical Society
Taunton, MA

Forest Hills Cemetery
Jamaica Plain, MA

Church of the Covenant
Boston, MA

North Andover Historical
Society
North Andover, MA

Spencer & Vogt Group is experienced in preservation planning – the process of identifying, documenting and preserving historic resources. We produce a variety of planning tools for the stewards of historic buildings, including master plans, historic structure reports, conditions assessments, re-use feasibility studies, state inventory forms, National Register and National Landmark nominations and grant applications. We are adept at negotiating the regulatory environment for historic structures and are well versed in the design review process, the requirements of local and regional historical commissions, demolition delay by-laws, preservation easements, and variances for access and zoning.



Clockwise from top right: Buckman Tavern, Church of the Covenant, First Church in Lancaster, North Andover Historical Society, The Algonquin Club, Old Colony Historical Society

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PROJECT TEAM

ARCHITECT

Spencer & Vogt Group

Partner, Preservation:	Lynne M. Spencer*
Partner, Registered Architect:	Arthur Vogt, AIA*
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	Chris Prud'homme
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*Team for the David Tilden House project

Our proposed team for the project is experienced in all phases of the design process, knowledgeable about historic and contemporary buildings and systems, experienced in the building code and universal access upgrades for existing buildings, and has enjoyed success with planning projects that moved on to become tangible realities. **Art Vogt** as Principal-in-Charge and **Lynne Spencer** as Principal/Preservationist will be supported by Project Manager **Patrick Guthrie** and Preservation Planner **Lynn Smiledge**. As preservation professionals whose work is routinely reviewed by local, state and national cultural resource protection agencies, the SVG team is guided by *The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties*.

CONSULTANTS

Structural Engineer: Structures North Consulting Engineers

John Wathne
60 Washington Street, Suite 401
Salem, MA 01971
978.745.6817

John Wathne, PE, has extensive experience with modern and historic structural systems and particular expertise in timber frame construction. Structures North has worked with SVG on numerous projects, including the First Church in Lancaster, the Stone Building in Lexington, the Nahant Lifesaving Station, the Massachusetts State House, the G.A.R. Building in Lynn, the Cohasset Maritime Museum, Middleborough Town Hall, the Major John Bradford House in Kingston, the Wheeler-Harrington House in Concord, and the Abigail Adams House in Weymouth.

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Historic Building Consultant:

Finch & Rose

Bill Finch

50 Front Street

Beverly, MA 01915

978.922.4950

Finch & Rose provides consulting services for the conservation, restoration and repair of historic buildings and their fabric. William Finch, a noted timber frame authority, has worked with SVG at Old Town Hall in Bedford, the Stone Building in Lexington, First Church of Lancaster, Nahant Lifesaving Station, North Parish Church in North Andover, the G.A.R. Building in Lynn, the Asa Parlin House in Action, the Robert Fuller House in Natick, and the William Butters II House in Wilmington.

Cost Estimator:

American Steeple & Tower

Bob Leveque

373 Essex St, Salem, MA 01970

978.744.7194

American Steeple & Tower provides construction and cost estimating services and has special expertise in historic structures. Our firm has collaborated with them at North Paris Church in North Andover, First Parish in Chelmsford, First Church in Salem, Ohabei Shalom Cemetery Chapel, and St. Vasilios Greek Orthodox Church.