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ON A HIGH-RISE COMMERCIAL BUILDING AT 75 KNEELAND ST. IN DOWNTOWN

Abbot completes comprehensive masonry repair project in Boston

BOSTON, MA Abbot Building Restoration has completed a comprehensive façade repair project on a high-rise commercial building located at 75 Kneeland St. in downtown. Abbot was awarded the contract following a competitive bidding process among multiple masonry contractors in the local area.

The 14-story building is constructed of brick and precast stone – the bottom four floors of precast stone and the upper floors are a blend of stone and brick with precast panel insets and sills. The project focused on the elevation at the intersection of Kneeland and Hudson Sts.

Based on the plan developed by the architectural firm of Walker Consultants, Abbot first erected built-up pipe staging on the full length of the elevation, and then performed the following repairs:

- Pressure washed the entire façade;
- Patched horizontal concrete and sills throughout the building as necessary;
- Caulked all expansion joints and windows;
- Replaced a total of 40 steel lintels;
- Tuck pointed and replaced brick as necessary;
- Replaced a total of 24 precast sills;
- Wet glazed windows as necessary; and
- Applied two coats of Conpro Lastic waterproof elastomeric coating (Conproco Corp., Dover, NH) to the bottom two precast stone floors formulated to match the existing color.

Among the major challenges that Abbot faced were the unknowns involved in determining how best to work within the system in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. The project was delayed from its outset in March



until the city allowed work to resume at the beginning of June. Enforcing all COVID-19 related rules provided a further impediment beyond the normal jobsite safety protocols.

Abbot provides a broad range of masonry construction services to public, institutional, and commercial clients, including condominiums, property management entities, and private residences. The firm also acts as a general contractor for a variety of masonry building construction projects.

Ferrante named CEO of the Associated General Contractors of Massachusetts

BOSTON, MA The board of directors of the Associated General Contractors of Massachusetts (AGC MA) have named John Ferrante as the chief executive officer.



John Ferrante

Ferrante succeeds Bob Petrucci who served as CEO for the past 34 years. Petrucci said, “I have had the opportunity to collaborate with John on several legislative and industry initiatives over the past 5 years during his time at BTEA. In fact, we have already spoken several times and are planning for a smooth transition....John will make a terrific CEO.”

For the last five years, Ferrante has been the associate executive director at the Building Trades Employers’ Association (BTEA) which is an umbrella group of five trade associations representing contractors’ signatory with 13 different union trades. During his time there, Ferrante launched a leading training and education program as well as raising the BTEA’s profile in government relations and industry affairs on Beacon Hill. Ferrante simultaneously worked for the North/East Roofing Contractors Association (NERCA) as the director of government and industry affairs. Prior to the BTEA, Ferrante worked for a Boston-based management and organizational consulting firm focused on the public sector.

Timberline hires Davis as preconstruction director

CANTON, MA Timberline Construction Corp. has hired Jim Davis, LEED AP as director of preconstruction services.



Jim Davis

In his new role Davis will focus on providing an exceptional level of service for their clients early in their process of evaluating options, budget and the constructability of their upcoming projects. Davis will draw upon his 15 years of experience representing owners to ensure thorough project evaluation and identification of critical resources to successfully

complete construction.

The preconstruction process can often be challenging and sometimes completely overlooked. The importance of getting correct information early on can make or break the success of a construction project – the more reliable the upfront information, the more predictable the outcome.

Timberline understands that getting the sequencing and cadence of the project due-diligence right, enables clients to have peace of mind during the overall construction process. With Davis leading preconstruction, their services become a true differentiator for their clients.

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Haynes Group construct a 5,600 s/f outdoor biergarten for Mighty Squirrel in Waltham

WALTHAM, MA Mighty Squirrel and Haynes Group have reunited to construct an outdoor biergarten and it is scheduled to open soon.

The original biergarten was closed and disassembled for the winter, but with spring ushering in warmer temperatures, Mighty Squirrel was able to re-open their popular outdoor space.

“Thanks to the generosity of the town and our landlord, we were able to use our parking lot for a biergarten again,” Mighty Squirrel co-founder, Henry Manice said. “This will allow us to welcome many more people from the community than we otherwise could have due to COVID-19 restrictions.”

Much like the original biergarten, established in 2020, this 5,600 s/f outdoor space transformed a portion of the parking lot into an entertainment oasis. “It’s the same layout, we rolled out turf, installed a perimeter, set up wine barrels, and installed string lights,” said Chris Pizzi, site superintendent at Haynes Group.

The Haynes Group project team



had to work quickly to meet the anticipated grand opening. “Making an outdoor space like this come alive in such a short time is the most unique aspect of this project, we had about three to four days,” Pizzi said. “The spring weather also proves challenging when working on a project like this.”

To pull it off, Haynes Group had to bring together a good group of people. “A team of people is the most important part of any project, but especially one like this,” Pizzi said. “It’s a great feeling to watch a parking lot transform into a field of entertainment.”