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NEW BEDFORD HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING
February 1, 2016

LOCATION: 38 Bethel Street (Map 53, Lot 103)

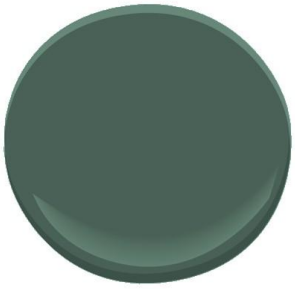
APPLICANT: Deborah & Benjamin Baker

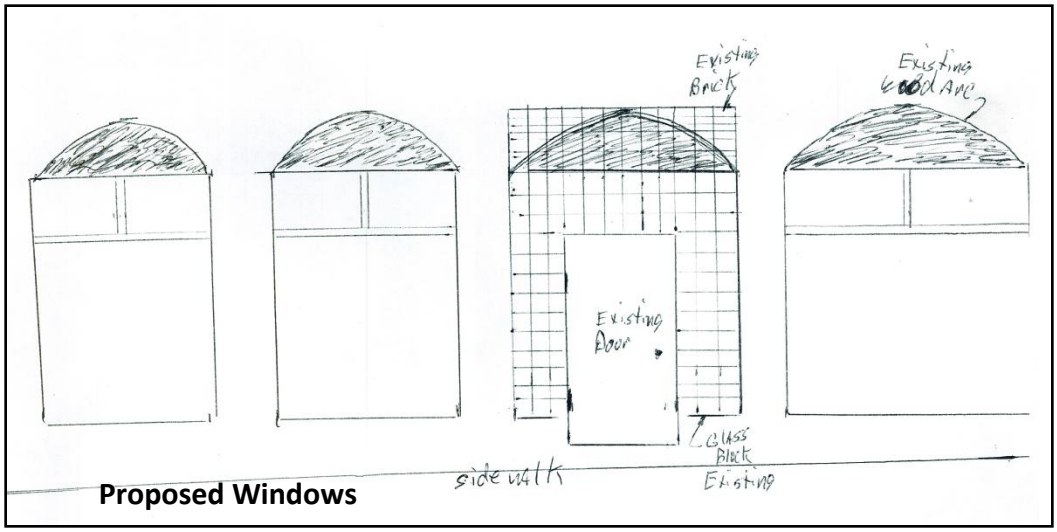
38 Bethel Street Current Windows

OVERVIEW: The storefront windows at 38 Bethel Street are non-original and consist of a single, large sheet of plate glass. In order to provide security and safety to the first floor tenant, the applicant is proposing to replace the three (3) first floor plate glass windows with tempered safety glass. Due to manufacturer limitation in the size of tempered glass, full tempered glass sheets are unavailable to fit the original window openings. The applicant is proposing to customize window mouldings in a configuration to meet the available size of tempered glass.

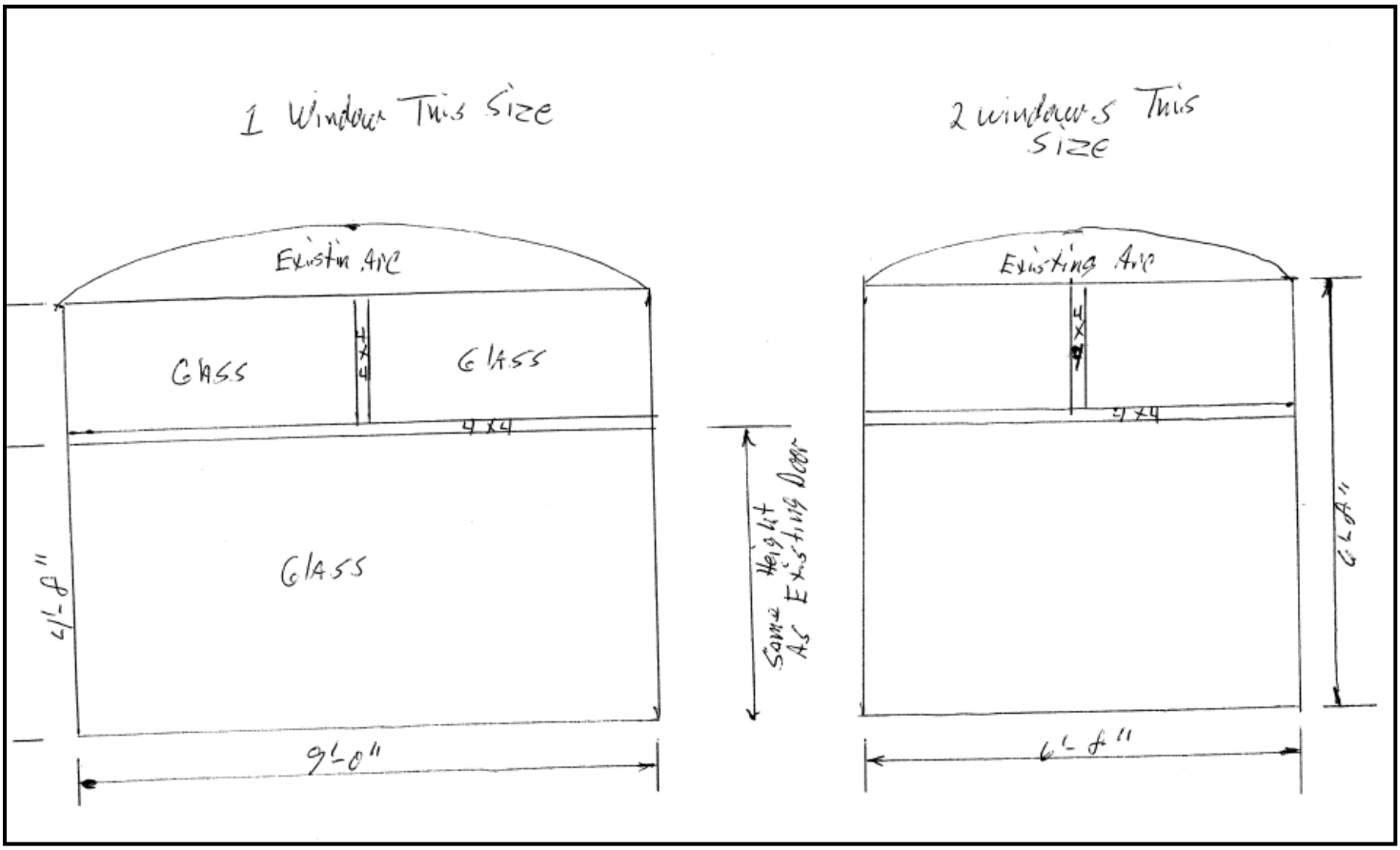
EXISTING CONDITIONS: Single pane sheet glass exists within the original openings.

PROPOSAL: Replace three (3) window openings of sheet glass with tempered glass within a fixed custom window configuration. Repaint window mouldings in Benjamin Moore paint color #HC-135 *Lafayette Green*. Color sample will be available at the meeting.





Proposed Windows

STATEMENT OF APPLICABLE GUIDELINES: The Bedford Landing District Design Guidelines state the following: <u>WINDOW REPLACEMENT</u>. Existing windows that are not original or in keeping with the style and character of the building shall be considered non-contributing features. They might be repaired, replaced in kind, or restored with appropriate materials based on historic documentation.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: The original windows have previously been removed and the proposed replacement, although not replicating the original design, is appropriate and sensitive to the historic character of the building. The new paint color is also appropriate to the building. The custom replacement windows meet the criteria set forth in the District Design Guidelines and should be granted a Certificate of Appropriateness with the following condition: That the four inch divider mouldings be either routed to have a relief profile or have an applied moulding attached to it.