



## City of New Bedford

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# STAFF REPORT

## NEW BEDFORD HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING

April 4, 2016

**LOCATION:** 19 Centre Street (Map 53, Lot 185)

**APPLICANT:** Jose Couto, New Bedford Ship Supply

**OVERVIEW:** The Russell Tallman Warehouse (c. 1790) is divided into two sections: 13 Centre Street as the east portion of the structure, and 19 Centre Street to the west. New Bedford Ship Supply utilizes the 19 Centre Street section as a warehouse in support of their business operations located in the adjoining buildings at Front and Hamilton Streets. New Bedford Ship Supply is seeking to replace the existing door at 19 Centre Street.

**EXISTING CONDITIONS:** Three entries consisting of single doors and side panels exist on the entirety of the structure. The subject entry is currently boarded up and non-operating. The other two entry doors, based on their design and photographic documentation, date from the mid to late 19<sup>th</sup> century.

**PROPOSAL:** Replacement of the existing door entry at 19 Centre Street with a design similar to the adjacent entry at 13 Centre Street is proposed. The applicant notes that the custom-made single mahogany door and side panel will be painted to match the adjacent entry.

**STATEMENT OF APPLICABLE GUIDELINES:** The Bedford Landing District Design Guidelines state the following:

- Existing doors and door openings, including architecturally significant surround details such as transoms and sidelights, should be repaired, not replaced.
- Replacement of original or historically significant doors shall match the existing in material, size, design and location. If doors that are not original or architecturally significant are to be replaced, the replacement door, including design and material of the surround details and other decorative trim should be appropriate to the style and use of the building.



**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** The existing subject entry is not original and the proposed replacement door and side panel is similar in material and design to the adjacent entry at 13 Centre Street, as well as the entry on the Front Street façade of the structure. Staff recommends granting the Certificate of Appropriateness.



**Interior of Existing Boarded Entry**

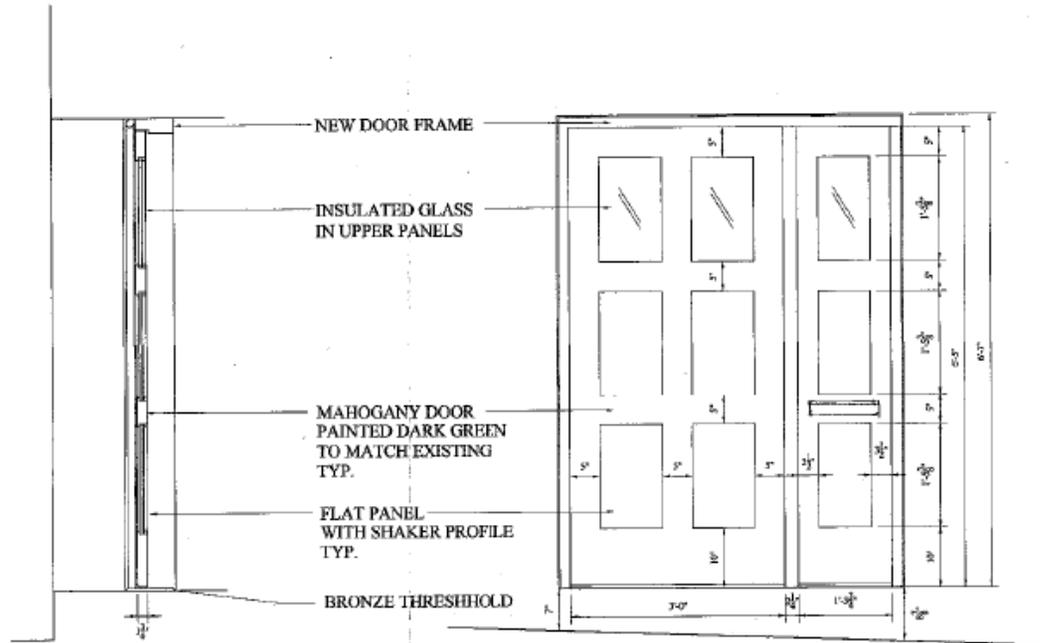


**13 Centre Street Entry**



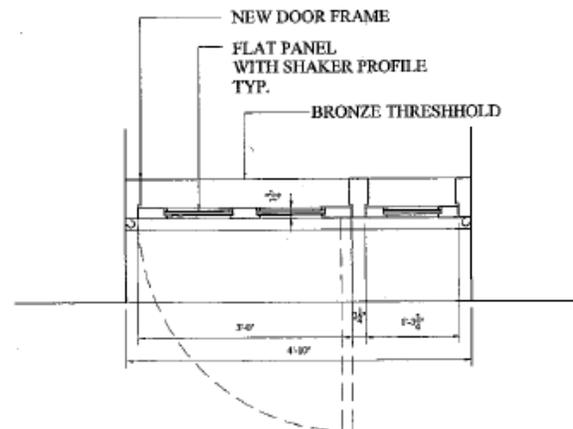
**Front Street Entry**





DOOR SECTION

DOOR ELEVATION



DOOR PLAN

CONSULTANTS

NOTES

NEW DOOR FOR:  
NEW BEDFORD SHIP SUPPLY

19 CENTRE STREET  
NEW BEDFORD, MA 02740

TITLE  
DOOR PLAN  
DOOR ELEVATION

SCALE: 1/2" = 1'-0"  
DATE: 03-14-2016  
DRAWN: AS  
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DRAWING NUMBER

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