



Residential Restoration Danvers, Massachusetts

Loss Event: Fire Damage

A residential fire in Danvers made local headlines when an 18-year-old boy saved the homeowner, but the story about restoring the life of the homeowner and property did not end there.

The Danvers Historical Society and city officials took a keen interest in the restoration of the home. The home is located in the Salem Village Historic District. The home itself has no historic significance, except that it sits on land where the old Salem Village Meeting House once stood during the Salem witch hysteria of 1692.

BELFOR RESTORATION

After the work of two other contractors failed to meet the requirements and approval of the Historical Society board, BELFOR was hired to handle the repairs and restoration.

BELFOR's Project Manager Shawn Havalotti inspected the site and gathered important information about the building and requirements. Through his estimating and project management experience, and after many hearings, Shawn was able to obtain approval from the Historical Society and city.

The COVID-19 pandemic caused closures during the repair project, shutting down in-person inspections. BELFOR continued to work around this issue, focusing on areas that could keep the project moving until the shut down was lifted. The home was gutted from top-bottom. BELFOR had to reconstruct the framing, joist and beam work. Once the shut down was lifted, inspectors were able to approve all installations and modifications.

The home, per the Historical Society, needed divided-light windows (true to the original historic style of the area). Since this style of window is not typically found in stock, BELFOR found a vendor to make the windows and secured the approval of the Historical Society.

BELFOR streamlined the approval process (both the city and Historical Society), design and material sourcing for the project. The BELFOR team (estimator, project managers and tradesmen) kept in constant communication with the homeowner throughout the project.



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