

VILLAGE OF DOBBS FERRY BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

MEETING DATE: January 23, 2024 AGENDA ITEM SECTION: Presentations AGENDA ITEM NO.: 1

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Hudson Social Renovation Presentation

ITEM BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

- 1. Executive Summary of Village requests for Hudson Social Renovation
- 2. Hudson Social renovation presentation

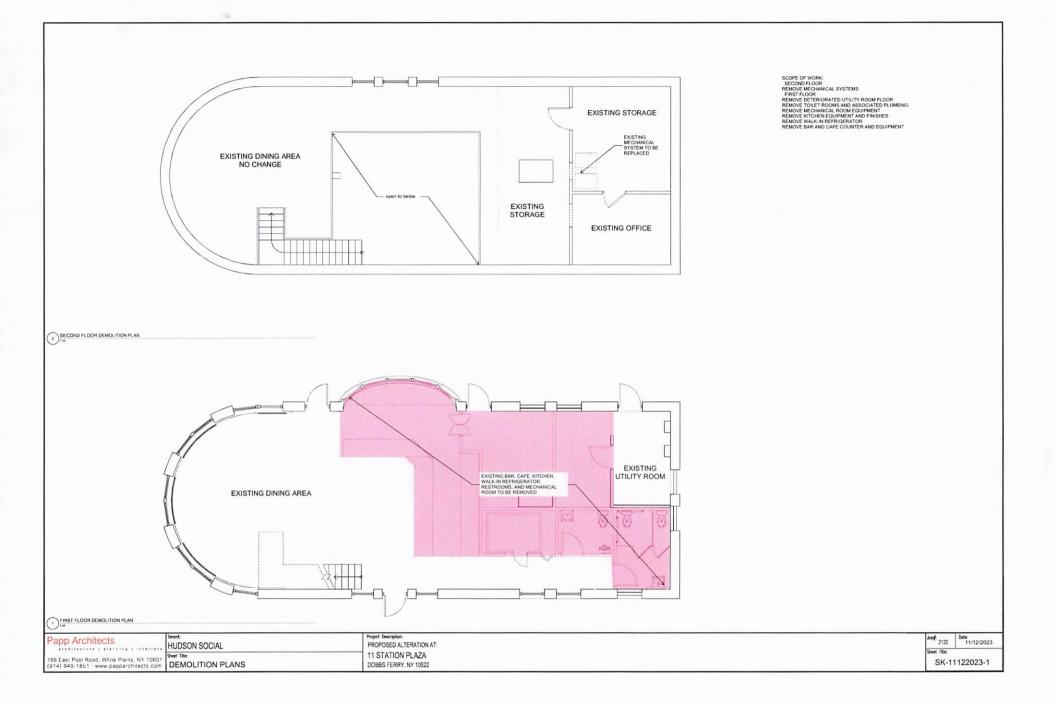
Executive Summary of Village requests for Hudson Social Renovation:

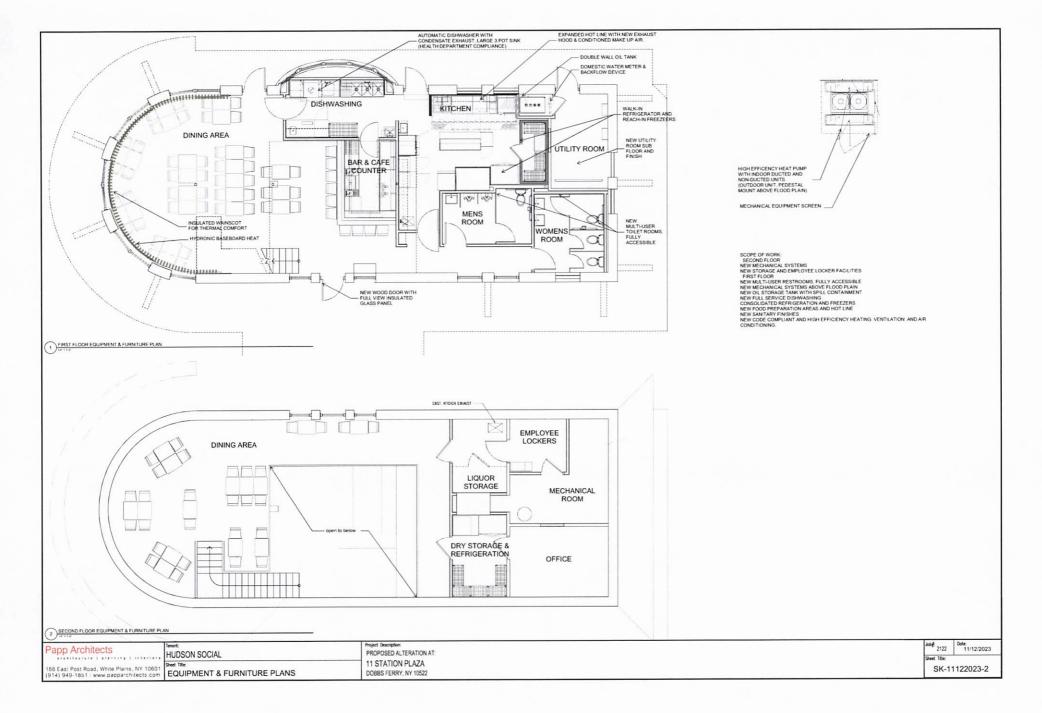
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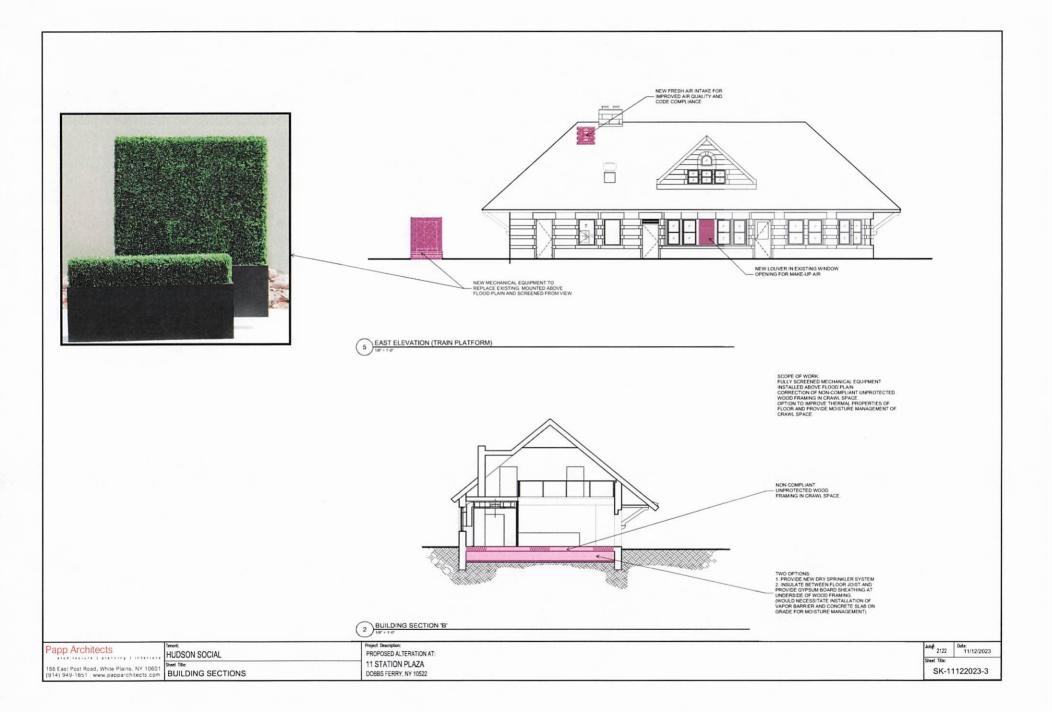
- The original conversion of the train station to a restaurant in 2014 was designed for a bar and café business. Hudson Social currently operates as a full-service restaurant. To comply with Health Dept regulations, we require upgrades to our kitchen, to allow for proper prep, dishwashing, and refrigeration areas.
- The original design did not include fully ADA compliant bathroom facilities, nor did it provide for proper fire mitigation under the floor of the restaurant, which is a crawlspace.
- We would like to upgrade the HVAC mechanical system, for more efficient energy usage.
- We are proposing changes that do not increase the capacity or profitability of the restaurant, but they will provide a more pleasant experience for our patrons. The work will not increase our profitability, it is simply a sunk cost to continue operating as we currently do.
- Commuter behavior has changed significantly since the pandemic. Our café business is not self-supportive. We don't have any specific requests regarding our café, but we would like to note that the changes in behavior have not been favorable for our morning business.

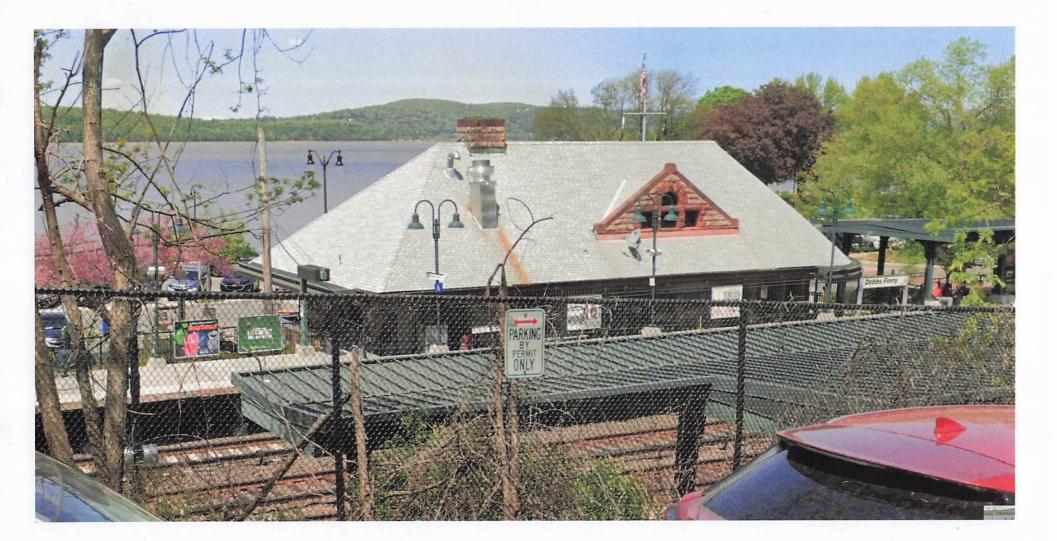
Requests:

- The work we are preparing to embark upon is estimated to exceed \$600k. We request to remove all permitting fees, as this work is on village property. We would like to perform the work over the winter of 2024-2025, commencing in October or November of 2024. We believe it will take approximately six months to complete.
- We ask to be compensated for the work that addresses deficiencies in the original conversion of the restaurant. We estimate this work not to exceed \$150k (this is included in the \$600k estimate). Rather than a capital request, we simply ask that the village suspend rent payments until that cost is repaid.
- We ask the Village to extend our lease (copy attached), which was originally a twentyyear lease, with ten years remaining, to a new twenty-year period, while retaining the current rent escalation of 3% per annum.
- We would like to use the LDC facility currently in place to finance the work we are contemplating. We believe a lower interest cost will help make this work achievable.
- We ask that the village allow the café to close while this work is performed, as the restaurant bathrooms will not be accessible.









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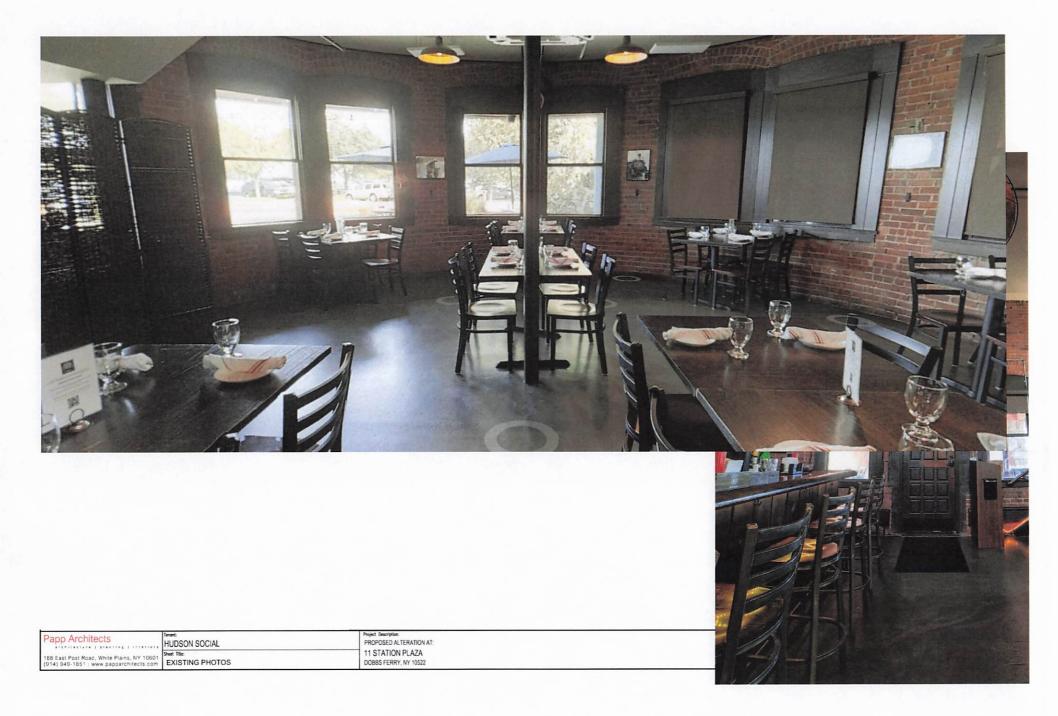


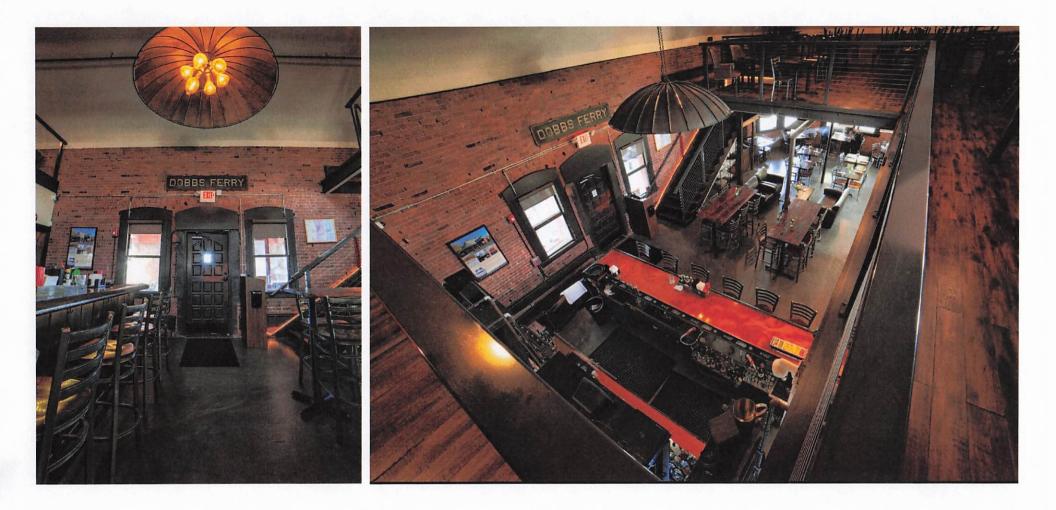


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