

RECONNAISSANCE SLIDE SHOW

Based on Elizabeth Hammond's research of examples of restoration and reuse:

Boston City Hall

West Barnstable's Old Selectman's Building

Berlin 1870 Town Hall

Bedford Old Town Hall

BOSTON OLD CITY HALL



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- Owned by the City of Boston, National Historic Landmark in 1970
- Leased (99 year) and managed by the Architectural Heritage Foundation, a 501c3 non-profit
- PILOT system with City
- Funding Sources:
 - Grants from Mass Preservation Project Fund (Mass Historic)
 - CPA funds
- One of the very first examples of adaptive reuse. Converted in 1969-71 into restaurant and first class office building and became a model of successful redevelopment of underutilized municipal property. Home of Preservation Mass offices.

WEST BARNSTABLE OLD SELECTMEN'S BUILDING



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- Owned by town, managed by building committee with significant assistance from Town's DPW.
- Used as three-season art gallery by Cape Cod Art Association
- Funding and Planning sources:
 - Survey and Planning Grant (60/40 match from Mass Historic (now matched at 50/50))
 - Grants from Arts Foundation of Cape Cod
 - CPA funds

BERLIN 1870 TOWN HALL



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- Owned by town
- Managed by advisory committee that reports to Selectmen
- Volunteer project coordinator, Walter Bickford, organized trades people in town and received donated materials from a lumber company (\$15,000 total). Had good relationship with Building Inspector who oversaw repairs. A new fire and smoke alarm system was donated by the Fire Dept.
- In 2007 was awarded \$35,000 from the State.
- Upstairs hall has raised platform stage used for performances, dance classes and private functions. Town organizations use the room free of charge. Full calendar of exercise classes, craft classes, theatrical performances and contra dances.

BEDFORD OLD TOWN HALL



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- Owned and managed by town; previously abandoned. Historical Commission secured funding for a new roof and then sought state grants.
- Funding and Planning:
 - Survey and Planning Grant (covered cost of consultant who prepared cost estimate and prioritized steps)
 - Mass Preservation Project Fund (stabilized the exterior, restored original windows and installed interior storm-windows)
 - CPA funds used for electrical and heating upgrades.
- Rear addition built to house the new bathrooms and elevator.
- First floor is rented by Bedford Cable TV and included offices and TV studio. Basement holds the Bedford Center for the Arts and a few artist studios. Second floor hall and kitchen are rented for public and private events.