



STURDY
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

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RE: Peter G. Hill and New England Architectural Center

To whom it may concern:

This shall serve as a reference for Peter G. Hill and the New England Architectural Center.

Sturdy Memorial Hospital engaged Mr. Hill to reclaim and conserve certain architectural features in the house, formerly known as the Tappan House prior to its scheduled demolition. The building, which was over 110 years old, while having fallen into disrepair exteriorly, had numerous significant internal features that the hospital wished to donate to the local Historic Preservation Society, as a means of retaining "the heart" of a building that could not be saved in its entirety.

We worked with Mr. Hill and his staff for the better part of a year, evaluating and analyzing what features would be saved and the process to achieve this end. As the senior administrator responsible for this project, I must say that working with him and his staff was nothing short of stellar. His knowledge base regarding both the inherent and/or historical value of the features and his ability to assess the building and come up with innovative ways to remove elements is superb. He was always available for discussion and consultation. He met all our timelines and, in fact, went above and beyond to obtain as much of the heart, to which I referred earlier, and did so within the budgetary constraints under which he was placed. Upon completion of the work, he prepared and provided to us and the historical society a photo album of the house and each of the elements he had retrieved prior to its demolition as a catalogue for the Society's benefit.

Working with Peter G. Hill and New England Architectural Center was nothing short of a pleasure and I would give him my highest recommendation. I would be happy to speak to anyone wishing additional information from me regarding his work.

Sincerely,

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