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Local Builder Honored For Work On Town Treasure

Steeple Restoration - First Presbyterian Church of Succasunna

SUCCASUNNA, NJ (June 11, 2019) – The **Metropolitan Builders & Contractors Association of New Jersey** (MetroBCA) has announced the **Winners of the 2019 Awards of Excellence**. Succasunna, NJ based builder, **Main Street Custom Homes & Remodeling** (MSCH&R) received the award for "**Best Historic Renovation - Commercial**" for the Steeple Restoration project at the First Presbyterian Church of Succasunna. The award was presented on June 6, 2019 at the MetroBCA annual spring gala dinner which took place at the Hanover Manor in East Hanover, NJ.

“The Steeple Committee and the Session want to extend a huge thank you to everyone that made this long time dream a reality. And a very special thank you to Main Street Custom Homes & Remodeling for managing this project with no cost to the Church.”

– *Open Door* September 2018 newsletter edition, First Presbyterian Church of Succasunna.

The First Presbyterian Church of Succasunna (the Church) has been an enduring fixture on Main Street in Succasunna, NJ for centuries. The steeple, erected in 1853 when the current church building was constructed, was in need of significant repair, restoration and a new coat of paint for many years. The Steeple Restoration Committee approached Daniel Dyrness of MSCH&R to

oversee the task of bringing the steeple back to its former glory. The Dyrness Family has deep ties to the Church with three active generations currently involved in the congregation. As a way of giving back to the community, the father-son team of Daniel & Donald Dyrness volunteered their project management services to restore the steeple.

Although this may seem like a simple and straight-forward task, it was actually a complex project with many unknowns, as the steeple is approximately 90' high with no easy access, and remediating the level of decay sustained by the wooden structure while maintaining its historic integrity was challenging. Rather than erecting a cumbersome scaffolding system which would have adversely impacted the congregants' use of the building and cause the work to exceed the project budget, a mobile hydraulic lift was utilized. Not only was this a significant cost and time saving measure, it allowed for greater flexibility to work on the structure and provided continual access to the building. In addition, historically accurate wooden medallion replacement parts were fabricated to replicate the appearance of the original facade. The restored and repainted steeple is once again a shining icon in town, visible to all in the community, and will stand tall for many years to come.

“It was an honor to be recognized by our peers in the industry for this unique project,” said Don Dyrness, owner of Main Street Custom Homes & Remodeling.

We would like to thank the following trade contractors and suppliers for their involvement in this project:

- Tara Construction - carpentry work
- Carolina Blue Painting - painting services
- Jefferson Lumber & Millwork - medallion woodwork
- Sacks Paint and Wallpaper - paint materials
- Kuiken Brothers - building materials
- Ahern Rentals - lift rental

Don & Dan Dyrness are committed to the continued revitalization of Main Street in Succasunna, NJ while preserving its nostalgia of yesteryear. The MSCH&R offices, located just a

couple of buildings down from the Church, are in an historic Victorian style homestead constructed around 1900. The main house and accompanying barn were extensively remodeled in 2009 and 2017 respectively by MSCH&R into modern office spaces while sustaining the historic design details of the original structure. Additionally, Don & Dan Dyrness volunteered their project management services in 2017 to supervise and coordinate the relocation and refurbishment of the Roxbury Public Library Gazebo, also located on Main Street adjacent to both the MSCH&R offices and the Church. MSCH&R is a member of MetroBCA, New Jersey Builders Association (NJBA) and the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB).

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About Main Street Custom Homes & Remodeling

www.MainStreetCustomHomes.com

Main Street Custom Homes & Remodeling designs and builds high quality, single-family residences, additions, remodeling projects and light commercial jobs. MSCH&R is led by long-time residents of Succasunna, NJ, father and son team, Daniel & Donald Dyrness, who share a long history of constructing award winning projects together. Their combined backgrounds add up to over 90 years of home building in Morris, Somerset, Warren and Sussex Counties. They pride themselves on a reputation for quality, style, and value.

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About Metropolitan Builders & Contractors Association of NJ

<http://metrobc.org/>

MetroBCA is a local professional trade organization affiliated with the New Jersey Builders Association (NJBA) and the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) to promote and protect all segments of the residential building industry and its customers in Essex, Morris, Union, Somerset, Warren and Hunterdon counties. Its mission is to enhance its members' ability to provide safe, affordable, quality housing to New Jersey citizens.

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About First Presbyterian Church of Succasunna

<http://www.fpcsuccasunna.org/>

The First Presbyterian Church of Succasunna is a rare historic gem. For over 250 years we have served the "Suckasunny Plains" and the surrounding community. A member of the Presbyterian church (U.S.A.) and Newton Presbytery.

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Photo Caption: Daniel & Donald Dyrness of Main Street Custom Homes & Remodeling, accepting the 2019 Award of Excellence for “Best Historic Renovation Commercial” from the Metropolitan Builders & Contractors Association of NJ at the Hanover Manor, East Hanover, NJ - June 6, 2019.

Photo Credit: Courtesy MetroBCA



Photo Caption: The restored Steeple at the First Presbyterian Church of Succasunna overlooking Main Street.

Photo Credit: Donald J. Dyrness, Main Street Custom Homes & Remodeling

Additional photos can be found at: <http://www.mainstreetcustomhomes.com/gallery.php?ID=59>