

**Statement by Fay School Regarding 42 Main Street
May 17, 2022**

At their annual spring meeting on May 6, Fay School's Board of Trustees voted unanimously to reconsider options for 42 Main Street before moving forward with demolition.

The School has scheduled meetings this week with architects from two historic preservation firms: Spencer Preservation Group and Goody Clancy. Both firms are currently working on projects in town: Spencer Preservation Group is overseeing restoration work at St. Mark's Church, and Goody Clancy is overseeing the East Gallery Project at St. Mark's School.

School representatives will tour 42 Main with both architects. Following these meetings and review of proposals, the School will hire one of the firms to conduct a comprehensive analysis of 42 Main Street in order to ascertain the building's viability and better understand the potential options for its future use. In the meantime, the demolition request will remain in place.

Jim Shay, President of Fay's Board of Trustees, has shared this plan with representatives of Southborough's Board of Selectmen and Historical Commission as well as a newly-elected member of the Planning Board. As a longtime anchor of downtown Southborough, Fay School values the rich history of Southborough and will carefully consider next steps within the context of honoring the town's history while also recognizing the School's fiduciary obligations.