



FMW Renovation Update

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Winter is not a season,

it's an occupation

— Sinclair Lewis

Wednesday 

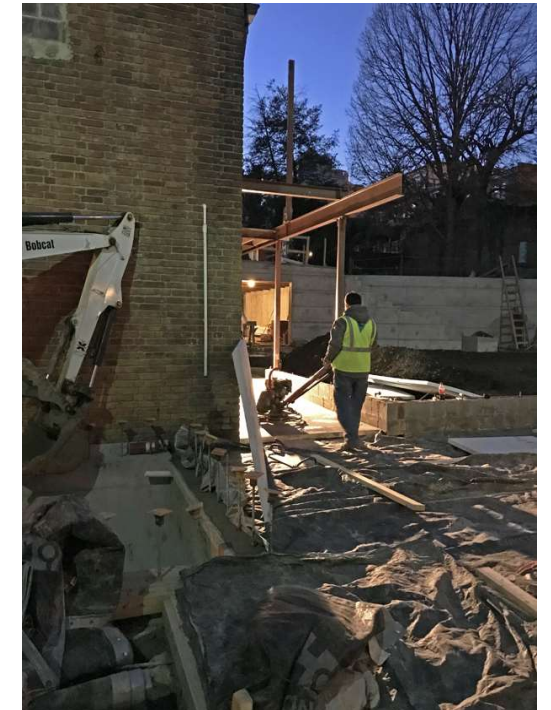
After a pleasant 4-day weekend, a short week begins with the pouring of the new Lobby floor slab.



Here, it's about to be covered by a blanket to keep it warm overnight.

At the end of the day, a concrete worker is also finishing the floor slab for the Carriage House ground floor corridor.

The concrete crew also excavates (digging up our brand-new topsoil) for the small patio outside the Carriage House corridor doors to the garden.



The site utilities crew does forensic ditching, locating and repairing the drain cleanout outside the Meeting House.



They seek and do not find the main sewer connection, which is not where it was thought to be.

Carpenters continue to frame the new wall and pocket doors in the Parlor. They also mock-up the Assembly Room ceiling crown moulding and lighting for review.



Picture about 300 more feet of that.

The electrician prepares to turn off all the power in the offices tomorrow to relocate an old junction box that is in the way of the duct that will heat those offices.

Monarc demolishes the two window seats on the west side of the Assembly Room, removing a long-cherished refuge for footsore Friends.

They also make a subtle feint to the east, posting a No Parking sign on Florida Avenue, harbinger of chaos to come.



The iron workers don't do anything, because their truck is still broken and anyway the concrete guys are in the way today.

Thursday 🌞

Carpenters continue to extend the corridor deck toward the Lobby.



The middle dormer will become a door into this corridor.

The investigators find the sewer line, 11 feet down.



The concrete crew pours the small patio for the Carriage House doors.



The power goes out in the Meeting offices while the electricians work to relocate the junction box.

The HVAC workers continue to thread the new supply duct through the furnace room.

Friday 🌧️

The ironworkers' truck is perhaps ready to install the steel, but the weather is not.

Carpenters start to install bulkhead trim in the Assembly Room.

Demolishers demolish the ceiling and bulkhead in the Parlor and in the Project Supervisor's office below.



This also deletes the two lovely bookcases that flanked the Fireplace.

The Library Committee mentions that they were donated to the Meeting by a couple that was married in front of that fireplace in 1934 (on the carpet that was donated by Lou Henry Hoover).

Before that, the books were in the Assembly Room.

More duct work is done around the Assembly Room.

On the last workday of the year, no machinery remains in the yard.



And no contractor remains in the office.



as Steve has retreated to North Room for a while,



just below where the HVAC guy is trying to install new supply ducts.

We hope they will be happy together.

The wiring for the new fire alarm flashers and noisemakers is creeping out in all directions.



and things are just looking so much more . . . renovated . . . than when we started.



Looking Ahead

The ironworkers will bring their truck, and steel will rise, allowing the corridor roof to continue its eastward march.

Large holes will appear in the Meeting House wall, underneath the small ones that have already been made

Lights will spread out around the Assembly Room bulkheads, along with rumors of work in the East Garden.

Ceiling and flooring will follow.

The Parlor door will disappear, along with the adjoining wall. Likewise the office door and wall below them.

At the end of the Wettest! Year! Ever!, we have at least not encountered subnormal temperatures and hope not to see them until the windows arrive in that sweet by and by (around mid-February).

Anticipate a Friendly call from the Capital Campaign.

Happy New Year to all.