

RECONSTRUCTION OF THE
NATHANIEL WINSOR, JR.
HOUSE CHIMNEYS



DUXBURY RURAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY



NATHANIEL WINSOR, JR. HOUSE
479 WASHINGTON STREET

Nathaniel Winsor, Jr. House

- Built in 1807 based on designs by Bulfinch
- Headquarters of the Duxbury Rural and Historical Society
- Listed on the National Register of Historic Places
- Contributing property to the Old Shipbuilders Historic District
- Part of the new Winsor Local Historic District



- Fall 2011, the DRHS engaged a historic masonry consultant to evaluate the chimneys
- Determination: The chimneys must be removed down to the roofline and rebuilt





Interior damage is occurring in several rooms due to gaps in the masonry, particularly in the northeast 3rd floor room

Reconstruction

- The chimneys will be rebuilt using new, historically appropriate brick in keeping with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Historic Preservation.
- Although the fireplaces are not used, the chimneys will be fully functional.
- New chimneys will match the existing height and crown detail



Restoration of chimney bases

Public Benefit

- Preservation of a local historical and cultural icon
- Continued operation of a community educational center, open to the public year round
- Ensured safety of historical artifacts stored there which represent part of Duxbury's heritage
- Continued operation of a venue for events both public and private



- Estimated cost of the project is \$75,000
- Requesting 50% (or \$37,500) from the Community Preservation Fund
- The remainder to be matched by other grants and donations

