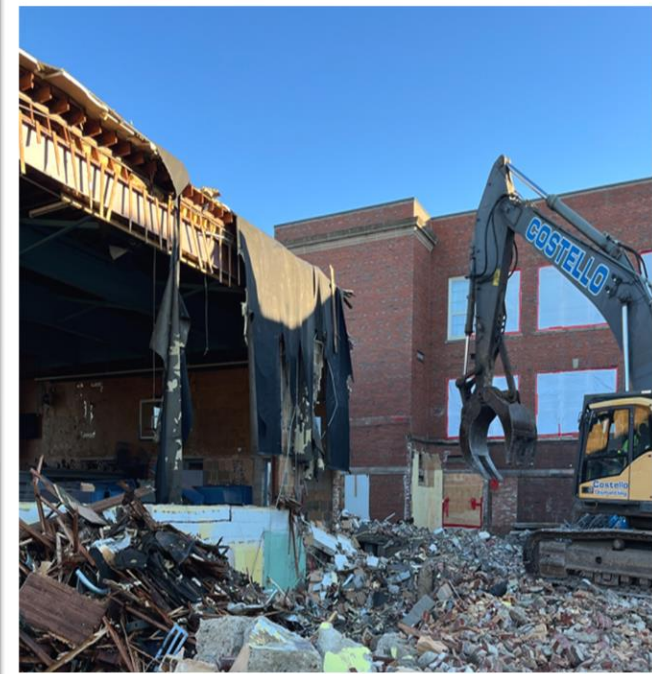


THIS MONTH: Tisbury Elementary School



Once the temporary modular facilities are completed...



...the demolition activities can begin.

A Message from the: Tisbury Team

The Project:

The team here on the island has been essentially dealing with two “different” projects. A temporary campus had to be built before the renovation work and addition take place on the existing school. The modular trailers started arriving in April of 2022 and took about 3 months to transport across the ocean to the island and then had to be retrofitted and stitched together. At the same time underground utilities and sitework had to be completed. All of this work had to be completed by Thanksgiving. Following a special town vote for extra project funding, the abatement and demolition of the existing school gym began in October with WTR gaining access to the rest of the existing school on Dec. 1st. In the next few months, we will be completing the secant piles, foundations, with steel scheduled for to be swinging in June. At the same time abatement work, selective demolition, and structural retrofits of the existing 1929 - 1995 buildings to bring it up to code will be going on.

Challenges:

There are a number of challenges that a General Contractor has to deal with during the course of a project that consist of renovating an existing school building that is roughly 41,000 sq ft and was built in 1929 with an addition added in 1995,.. But the most changeling part of this project is that 99% of the material that is needed has to be brought over to the island either by ferry or barge. Even though we are starting in the slow season (for travel to the Island) the island weather constraints play a HUGE part as the ferry can shut down if winds are a sustained 35ph or greater with little or no notice, and during the busy summer season if reservations are not pre -booked early enough then you are not getting material or vehicles on the island when you need them to. Also, there is a severe housing crisis on the island which makes finding accommodations very difficult and expensive so far most of the workers travel daily back and forth on the ferry which makes for a very long day for them.

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On the left, drone photos show the existing school with the temporary modular classrooms.

Another project challenge is that The Town of Tisbury is funding this project on their own, no state funding. Once the final project cost were developed, the town had to go back to the voters at a special town meeting to approve additional funding. The project was awarded to W T Rich in December of 2021, but it wasn't until the end of September of 2022 that we all felt confident we were moving forward. This added to making an already aggressive schedule that much more aggressive.



Above: Steve and Anthony providing top-notch stakeholder relations. Below: Finishing touches before the kids occupy the temp spaces.



Official Tisbury Groundbreaking Ceremony

Project Spotlight

Typically for project spotlights a certain team member or subcontractor is recognized. We wanted to take moment to recognize the community that came together during the months of October and November on the island to move an existing school into a temporary one during the school year, which is not an easy task. The decision was made to move into the temporary modular campus over the week of Thanksgiving. The Town had to get special approval from the State to not hold class on the Monday and Tuesday of that week to make the move feasible which was granted in early November. This did not give Carroll's Moving and the school much time to plan and schedule resources on the island to make this happen. The move was completed in all of 3 days during the holiday week and went smoothly. Another key piece to this move happening over Thanksgiving was up to Eversource completing the \$500K power upgrade throughout the Town to get the modular buildings turned on. Eversource originally told WTR that the service upgrade was going to take 8-9 weeks. The Field Operations Supervisor on the island, John Dumas, did whatever he could with his crews (plenty of storms came thru the island during this time) and had all of the work completed in a little over 4 weeks which was the key piece to making this move happen. If it wasn't for this the school wouldn't have moved until the Christmas break which would have had a major impact on our project schedule. Since power was not received until Nov 10th it did not allow much time for testing and ironing out issues that all new buildings have to receive the Certificate of Occupancy, which was given the **Sunday after Thanksgiving as the first day of class had to be held on Monday**. The school staff was very accommodating to us having workers down at the modular campus during normal working hours to finish the work and address issues that were coming up throughout normal use/start-up of new buildings. WTR cannot express enough how grateful we are to be working with the school/town on this project. It truly is a team effort on this island with all involved.

Anthony Visconti & Steve Brenner