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188 Main Street Demolition set to Begin Monday

Greenfield, MA – Demolition on the long abandoned and condemned property at 188 Main Street will begin Monday, November 4, 2019. Earlier this year, the City was awarded ownership of the abandoned property, allowing the City to finally demolish the unstable building.

The public may notice the demolition contractors wearing hazmat suits, as asbestos remediation will occur during the demolition. MA DEP has reviewed and approved the asbestos removal and demolition plan submitted by the City. The demolition will be performed by American Environmental, Inc. a licensed asbestos remediation contractor. Environmental monitoring of air quality for asbestos will be performed by ATC. GeoInsight, an engineering firm will monitor the structural integrity of the adjacent buildings and railroad overpass that runs under Main St.

Abutting property owners have been advised of the deconstruction schedule and some parking will be out of service until the project is completed. Sidewalk access will be restricted in the area and we ask pedestrians to use the sidewalk on the south side of Main Street during this work.

“We are confident that this inconvenience is worth the wait for the building removal and thank all residents for their patience during this time.” said Mayor Martin.

The demolition project is made possible with some local funds and financial assistance from MA DOT and CDBG, and coordination with Mass DOT Rail and Highway Divisions.

Once the building has been taken down, the site will be backfilled, a temporary “faux” façade will be constructed to host temporary public art in advance of the City’s decision about future use of the site. The rear of the property will be secured by fencing.

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