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Thermotech Masonry Restoration:

Joyce's Restaurant, Water Street, Hallowell

WE WERE APPROACHED by Dave Walters in November 2007 about a restoration project in Hallowell. His brother, Lon Walters, bought the Marquis TV and David Brook's buildings and combined them into Joyce's restaurant. We worked closely with David, who coordinated the project, implementing Lon's vision. RBC was the general contractor, and we were lucky to get such a great combination of people.

AS WE REPOINTED the entire building, we replaced damaged bricks as we went. We staged and heated over the winter. The parapet wall was mostly rebuilt.



PIECING IN WINDOWS, doors, and passageways, we used lime and white Portland cement to blend new openings into old brick, which we cleaned and reused. After stripping the walls, the new openings looked original. We removed the paint from the front granite lintels and posts and sandblasted the paint residue out.

THE BACK WALL was cut out entirely, and we laid a restoration brick veneer over

a new wood wall. In the spring, we built a patio at the height of the new deck and worked around the new plantings. We installed granite posts for the new wrought iron fence.

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