

PROJECT PROFILE

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
WESTBOROUGH, MASSACHUSETTS

First organized in 1724, the church erected the present church building in 1834. In 1938, a hurricane destroyed the spire and top cupola. A small spire was added in the 1950's which did not match the original architectural style of the original.

By the early 1990's, the entire tower structure was in need of restoration. After consulting with several engineers, the church contracted with steeplejack Chris Burgess to restore the steeple in a style consistent with the original. The existing base cupolas were restored using conventional means, with the addition of a new steel structure to support the new steeple.

Burgess chose Fiberglass Specialties to fabricate the top spire, top cupola, and eight urns. The shingle effect on the spire and the simulated wood siding of the cupola are in fact molded into the fiberglass laminate. And since the white color is an integral part of the laminate, eliminating the need for scraping and repainting, the church will save on maintenance costs in the future.



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