

Proposed Commons Addition

MVUC
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The Problem

- Church members have consistently named the crowded, noisy Commons as a high priority for improvement
- The existing plan for expanding the Meeting House calls for expanding the Commons, enlarging the Chapel, adding classroom space, and renovating and enlarging the offices.
- Unfortunately, for financial reasons this plan has had to be put on indefinite hold

The Proposed Way Forward

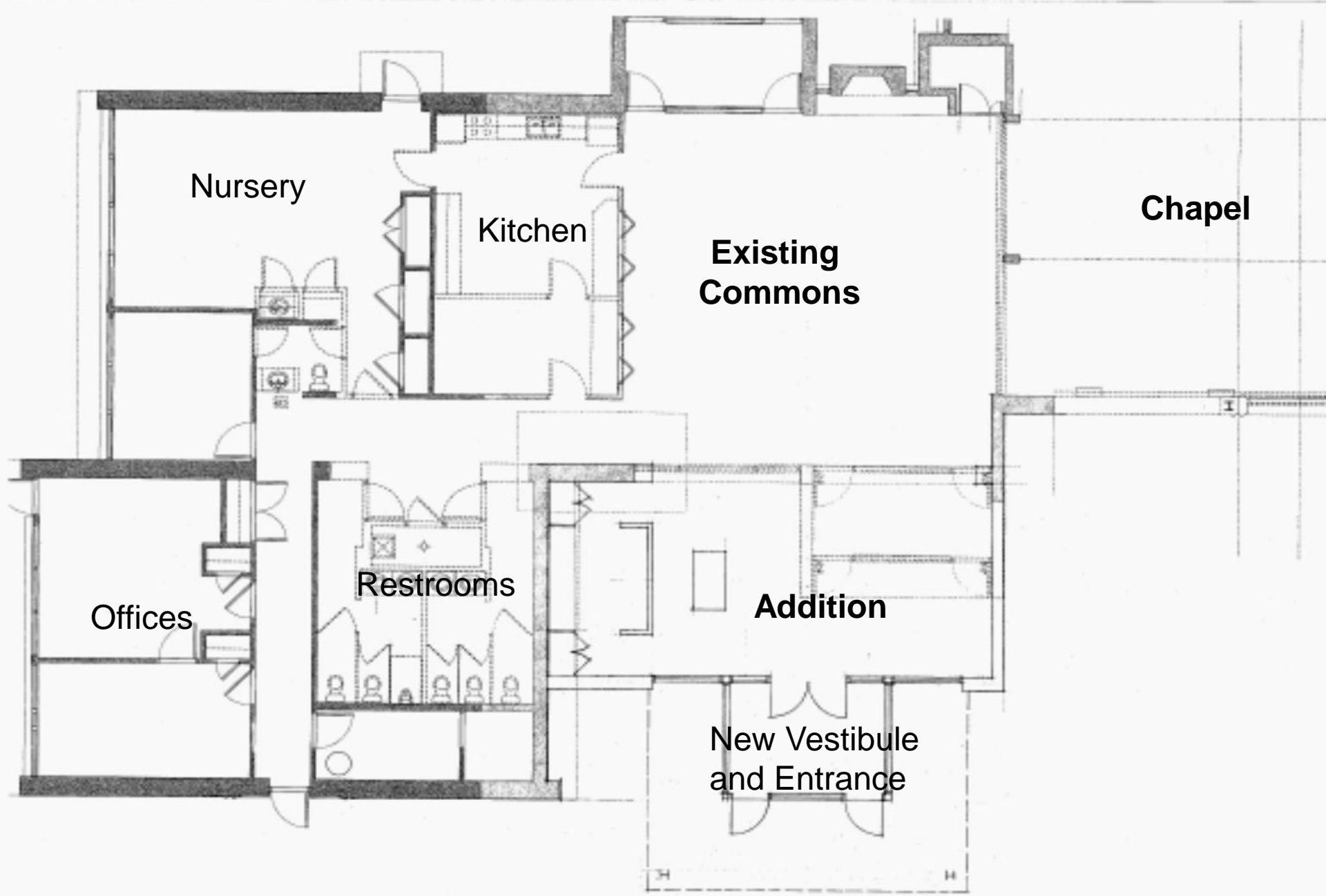
- Expand the Commons (by 65-90%) in a way that is consistent with existing MVUC expansion plans
- Refurbish it aesthetically and acoustically
- Make the entrance and Commons area welcoming and projecting a positive statement and image for MVUC

Proposed Commons Expansion

- Expand the Commons from 18 to 22 feet toward the driveway (from about 990 to about 1640-1780 sq. ft.)
- Add a new vestibule and visually enhanced entrance
- Add new carpeting and other refurbishings
- Add an updated interior ceiling treatment and related measures to improve acoustics
- Install sprinklers for fire protection and to meet Fairfax County requirements

Goal

To make the Commons a quieter, much more attractive space for meetings and social activities, especially the social time before and after Sunday services.



Nursery

Kitchen

Existing
Commons

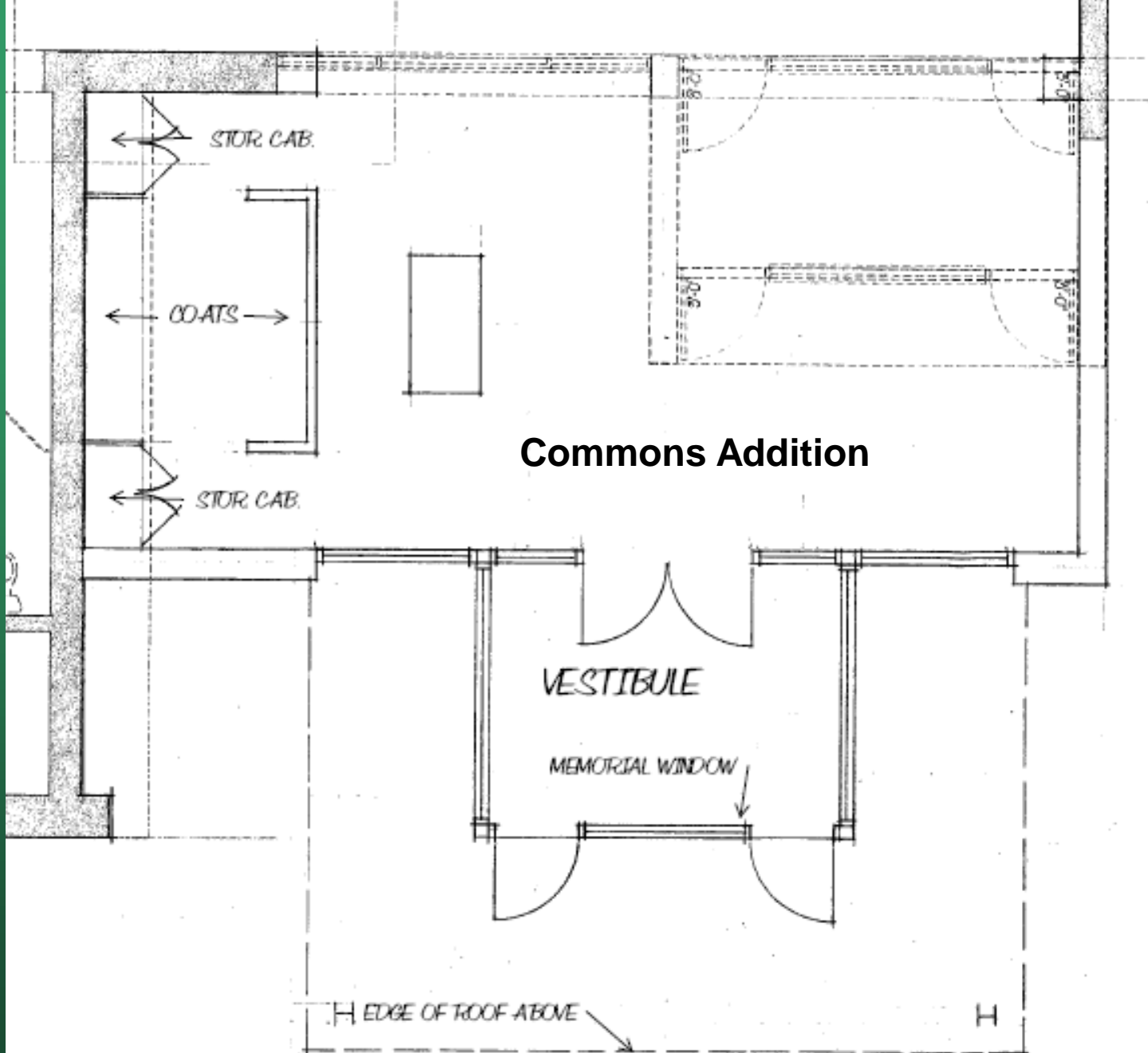
Chapel

Offices

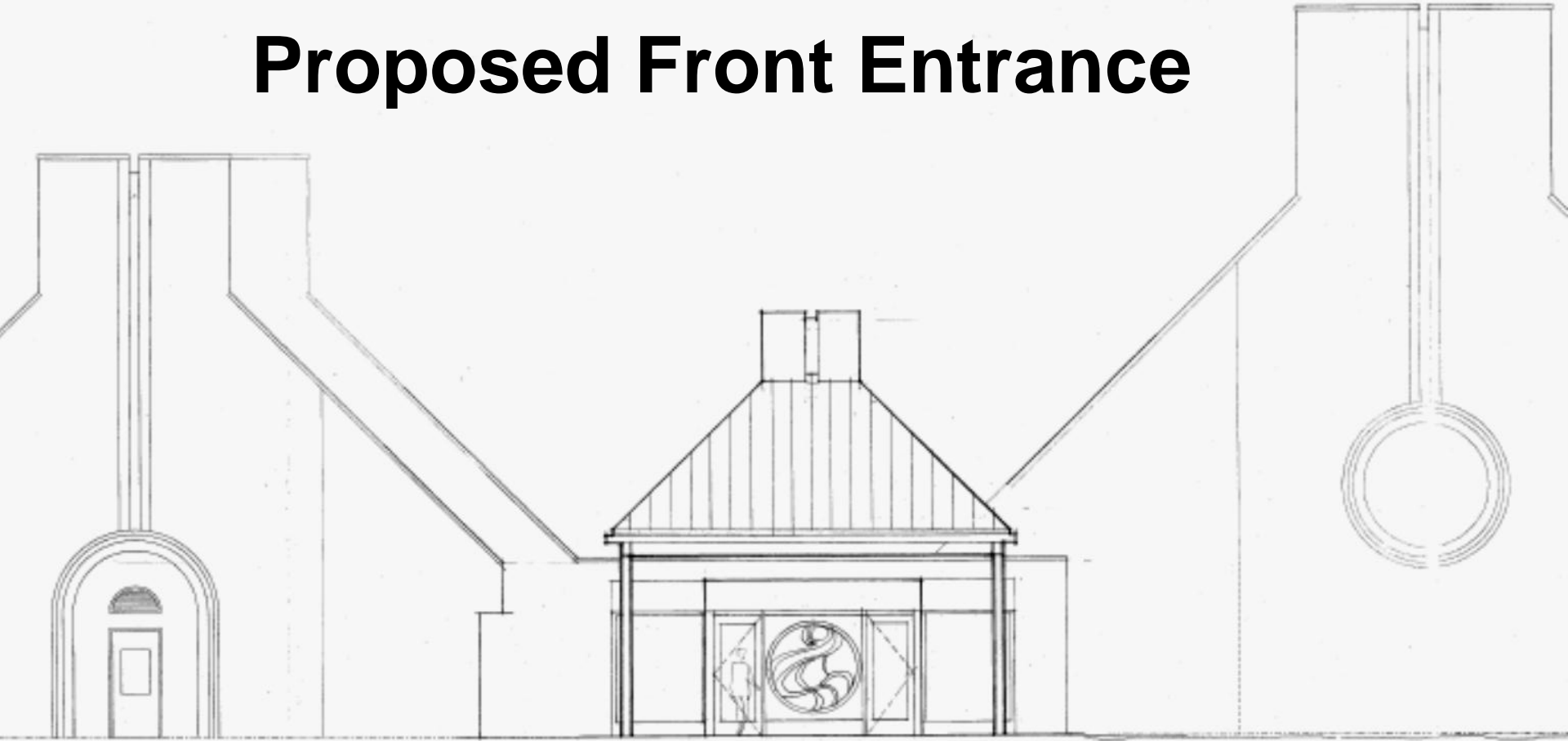
Restrooms

Addition

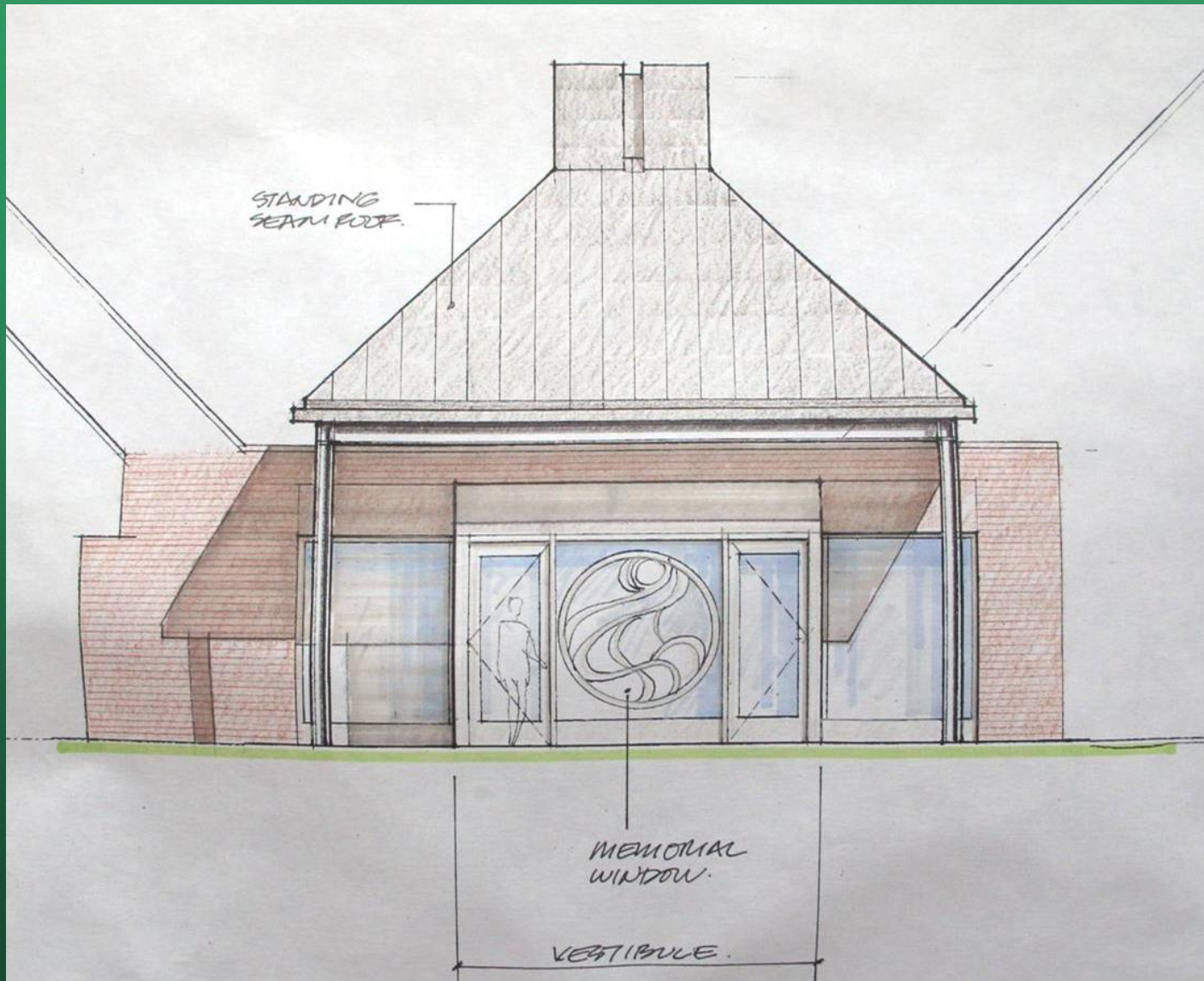
New Vestibule
and Entrance



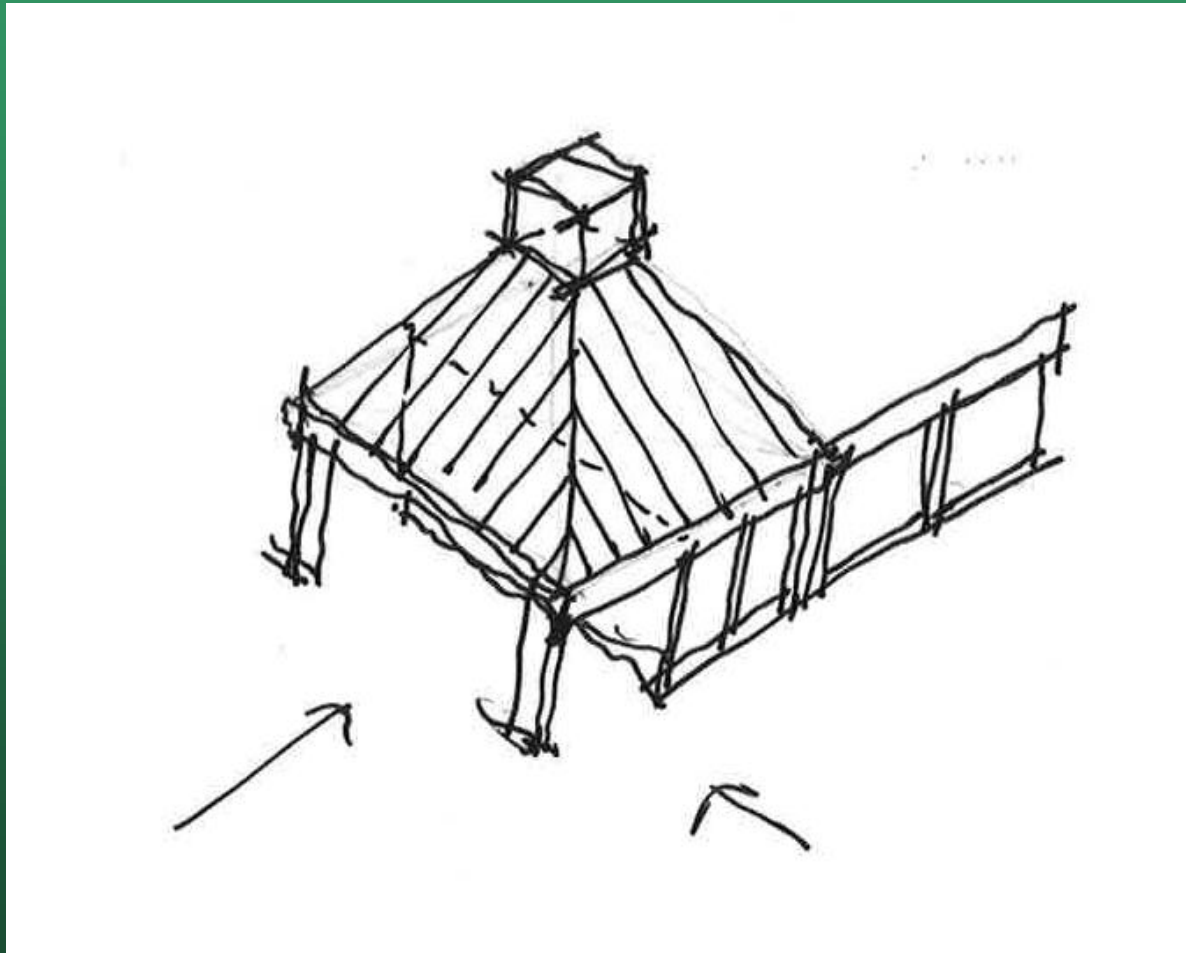
Proposed Front Entrance



Front Entrance Detail



Roofline of Proposed Entrance



Anticipated Benefits

- A much more welcoming and impressive entrance and a refurbished/updated Commons projecting a positive image of MVUC
- Much more room in the Commons for conversation -- less noise and confusion
- Increased opportunity for displays and side meetings – increased storage
- Architecturally pleasing entrance offering standing room under an over-arching roof

Estimated Cost

A very rough estimated cost for the Commons extension is \$400,000. If we are unable to obtain a waiver of a possible requirement to sprinkler the entire Meeting House building, the costs could increase substantially (by perhaps \$50,000 or more).

Timing

If approved, construction would likely begin in January 2013 and would take about 3-4 months

Questions?