

INTERCOM SYSTEM

87 Beacon Street

Date: February 14, 2023

To: Nicholas A. Armata, AICP / Senior Preservation Planner
Beacon Hill Architectural Commission

Re: Violation Notice / VIO.23.0641

This memo is in response to Violation Notice VIO.23.0641 for the intercom panel at 87 Beacon Street. The intercom was installed without first proposing replacement of the former intercom system via a "Certificate of Appropriateness" application process. We understand now that the "Historic Beacon Hill District Architectural Guidelines" state the following in Item 7 of Paragraph E – Doors and Entries:

Buzzers, key keepers, and intercom panels shall be contained if possible within the entryway of the building, and preferably shall be flush-mounted in the wood trim. Such panels shall have brass or bronze faces. Lighted or backlit buzzers and intercom panels shall not be allowed. Individualized buzzers are more appropriate than large panels.

While the intercom panel is flush mounted in the wood trim and contained within the entryway, it does not conform to the allowed materials, absence of illumination, or individualized buzzers. The intercom has an interactive visual display panel in a stainless steel flush enclosure and is attached to an oversized brushed stainless steel base plate to conceal the wood cutout for the former intercom. We propose to correct this violation by providing a hinged brass cover per the attached drawings:

01 – EXISTING INTERCOM

Scaled Drawing of Existing Intercom in Entrance Surround

02 – EXISTING CUTOUT

Scaled Drawing of Existing Concealed Cutout in Wood Panel

03 – REVISED CUTOUT

Proposed Revision: Repair Panel Stiles & Provide Beaded Perimeter Panel Edge

04 – RELOCATED INTERCOM

Center the Intercom Panel in Restored Panel Trimmed with Beaded Edge

05 – HINGED COVER

Provide Hinged Brass Cover with Incised Letters of Address to Conceal Intercom

The proposed hinged cover will be fabricated of solid brass and satin finished to conceal the intercom panel. Also, the key keeper in the panel below the intercom will be painted to match the wood. Please let us know if this approach will meet the guidelines in response to the violation notice. If you require any additional information in reference to this project, please contact resident Aileen Benson at 617-513-1108, or via email to aileen_lilith_benson@yahoo.com

ATTACHMENTS

Page 2 Photo of Entrance Walkway from Beacon Street

Page 3 Photo of Intercom Panel in Entrance Surround

Page 4 Detailed Photos of Intercom Panel and Substrate Conditions

Drawings 01 thru 05 (as described above)



*Walkway to Front Door and Entrance Surround at
87 Beacon Street Across from Public Garden*



*Existing Butterfly MX Intercom System to
Left of Entrance in Door Surround*

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Butterfly Intercom Panel Set Into Larger Stainless Steel Base Plate

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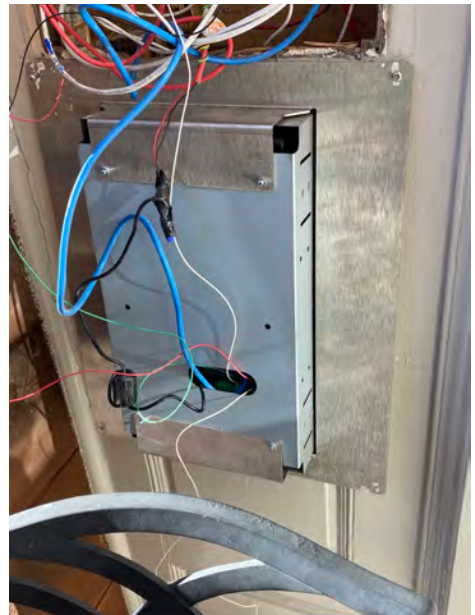
Existing Cutout in Paneled Entrance Surround; Former Intercom Cut into Width of Stiles and Rails; Outline of Larger Base Plate Visible at Perimeter

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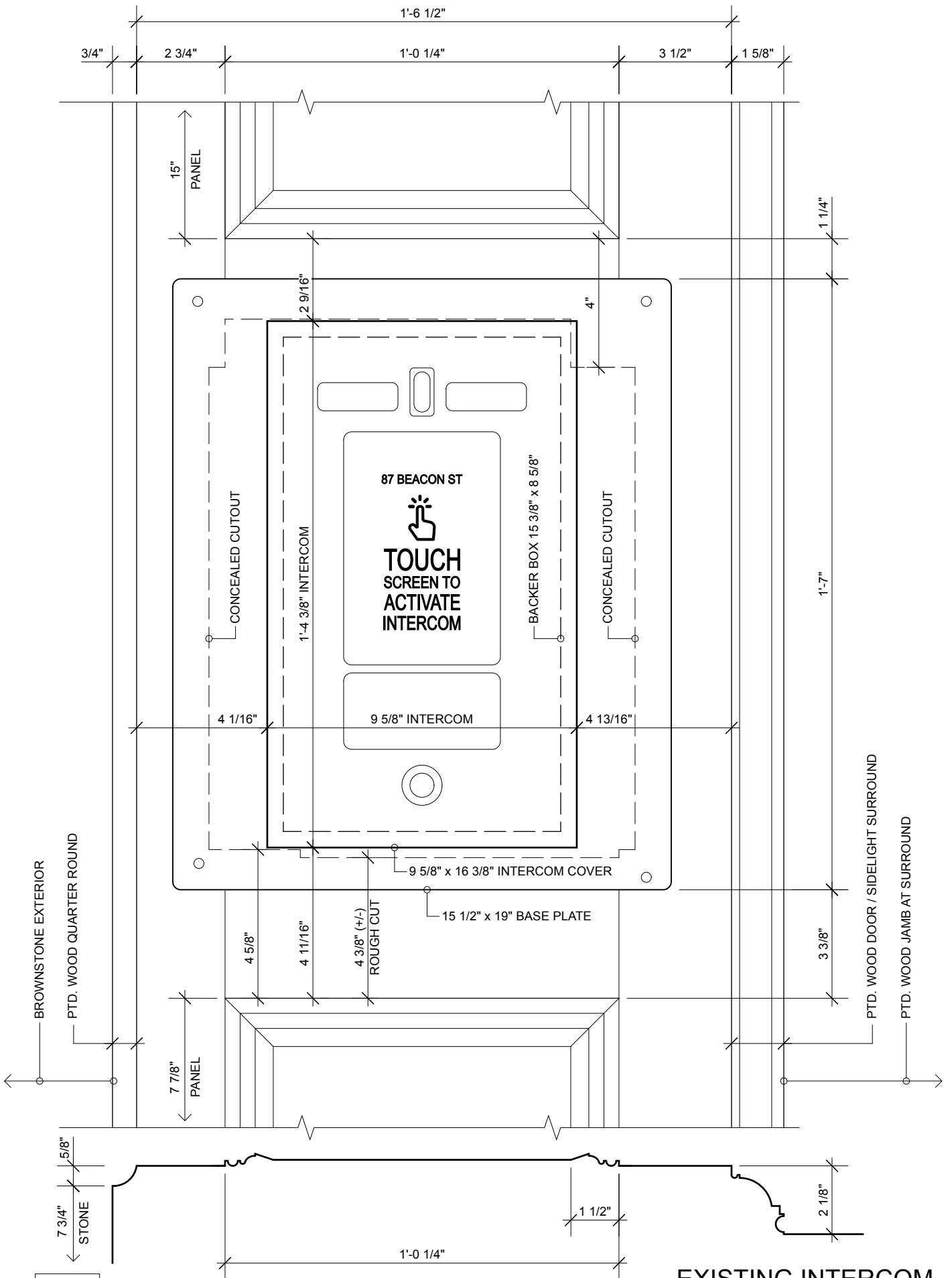


Detail of Intact Raised Panel and Moulding Below Intercom; Gray Box for Letter Carrier Access

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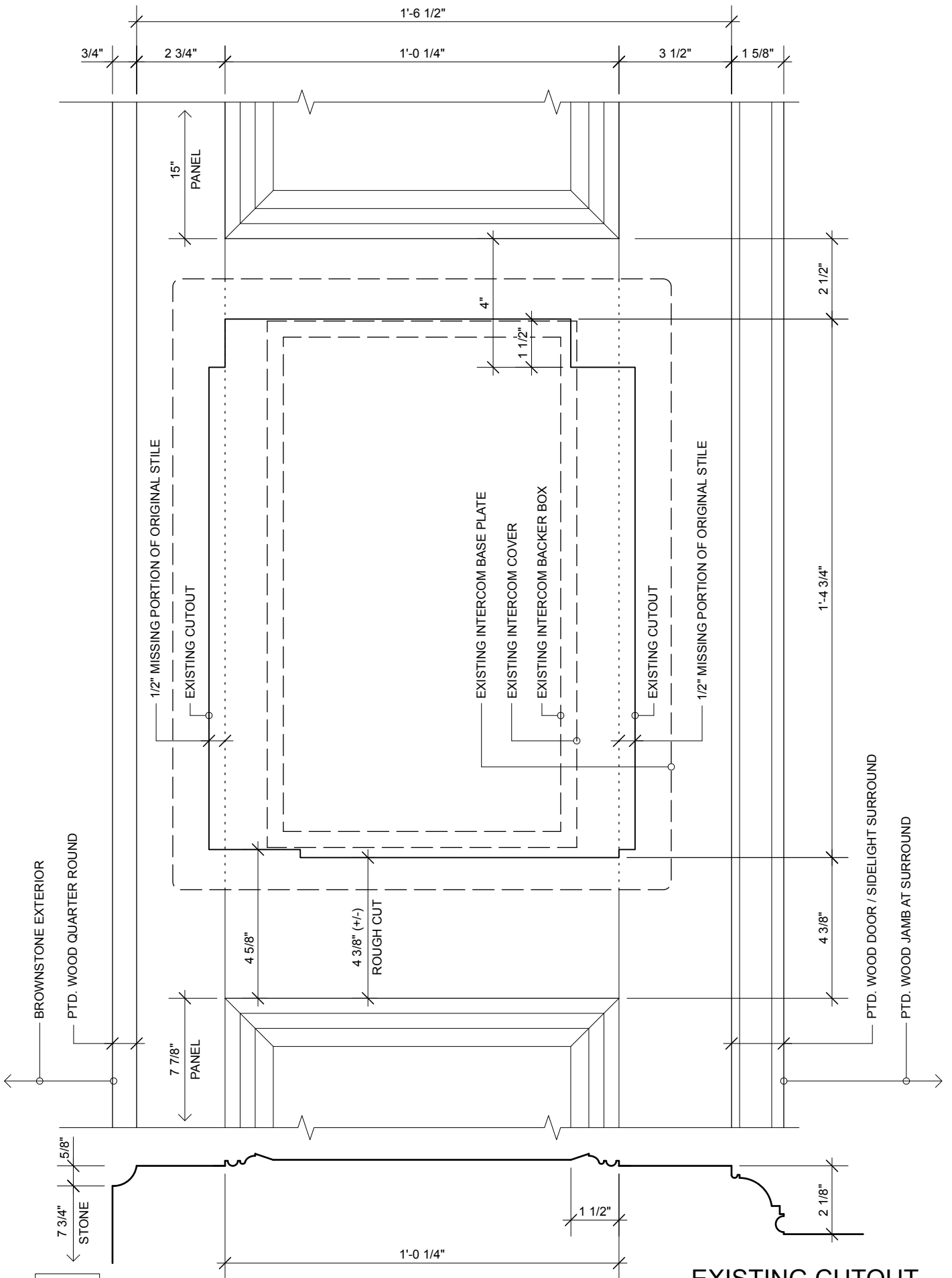
Concealed Side of Intercom Panel Box (Gray) with Oversized Stainless Steel Base Plate Attached



01

**EXISTING INTERCOM
87 BEACON STREET**

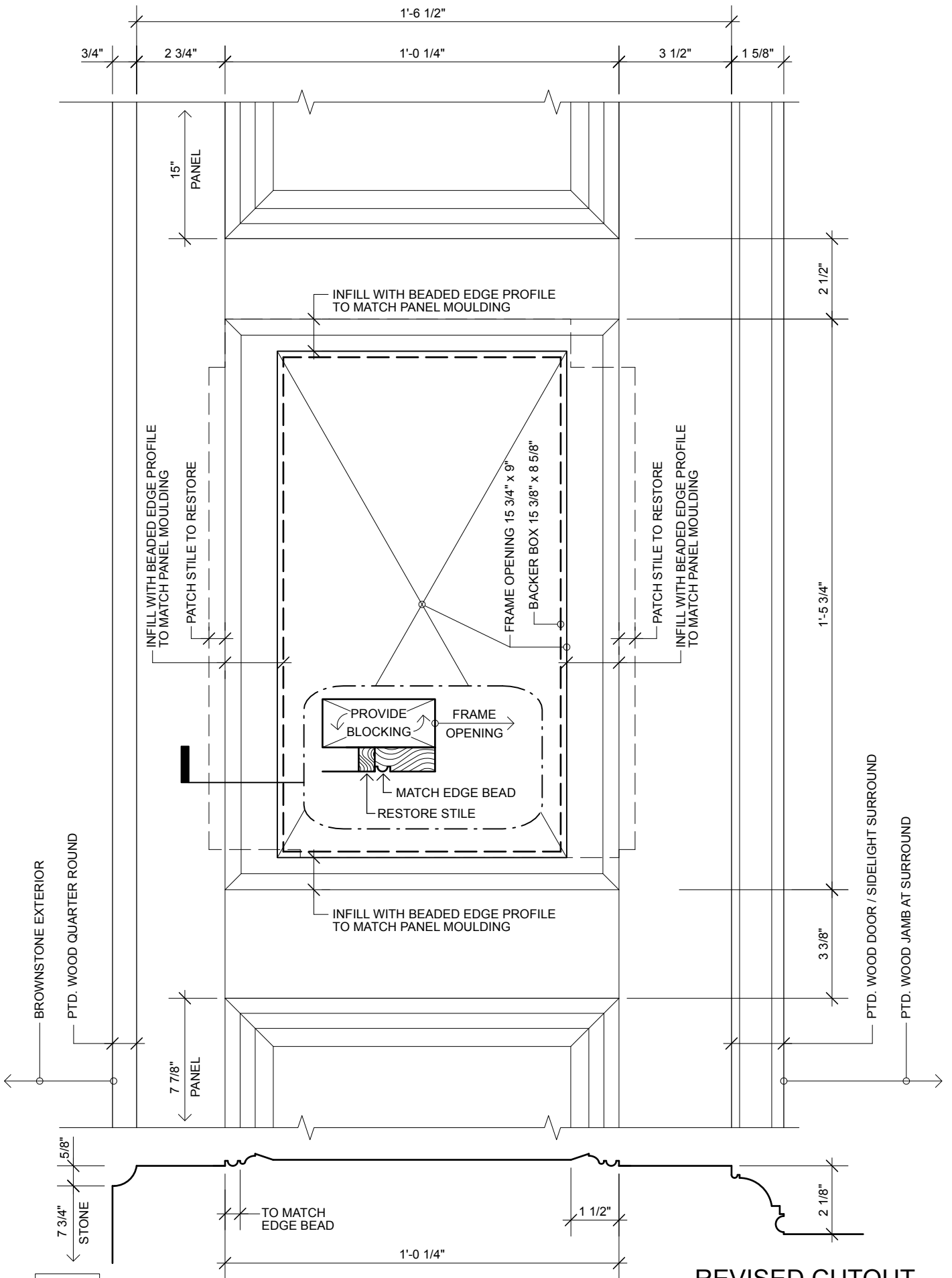
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**EXISTING CUTOUT
87 BEACON STREET**

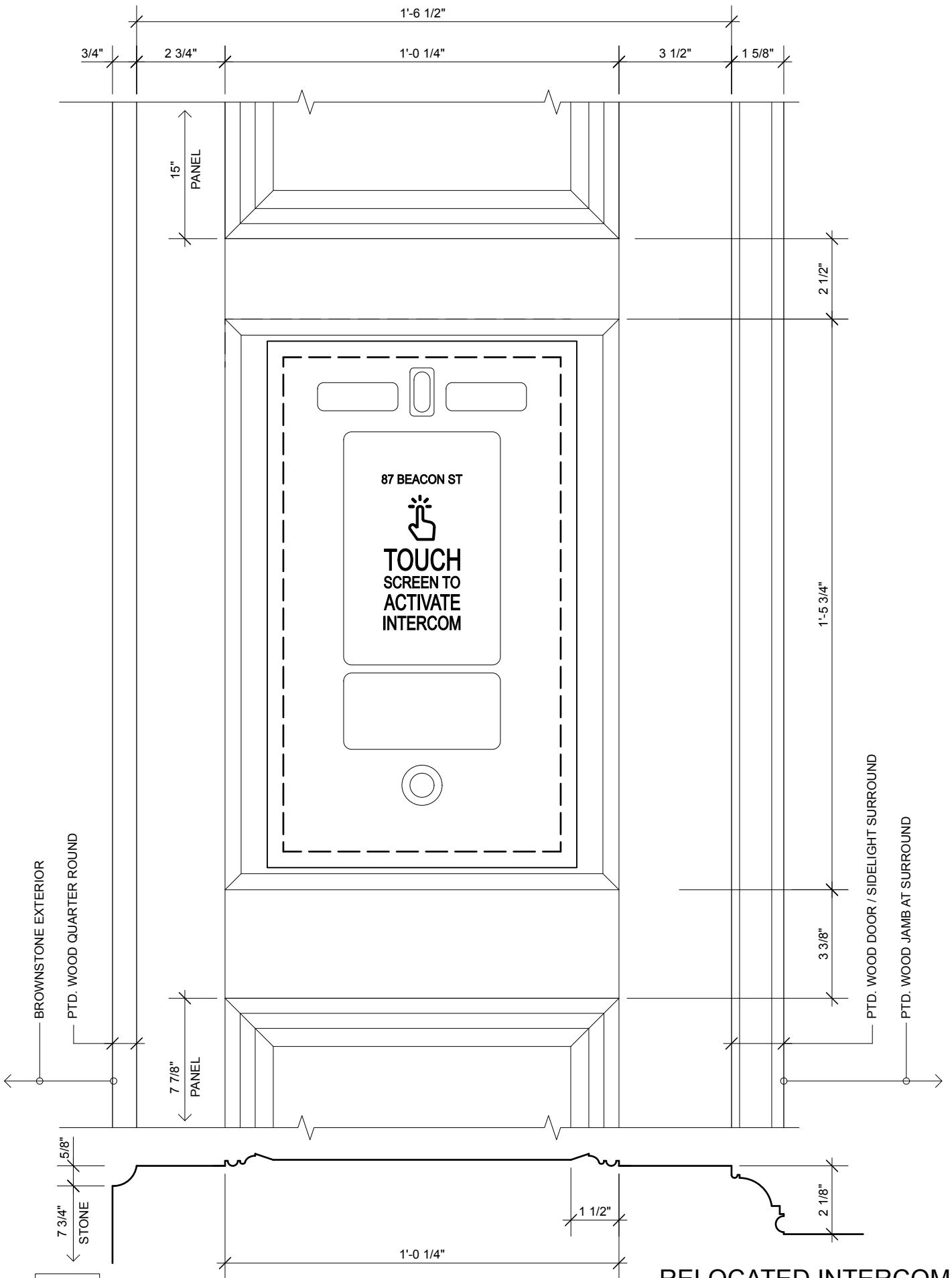
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**REVISED CUTOUT
87 BEACON STREET**

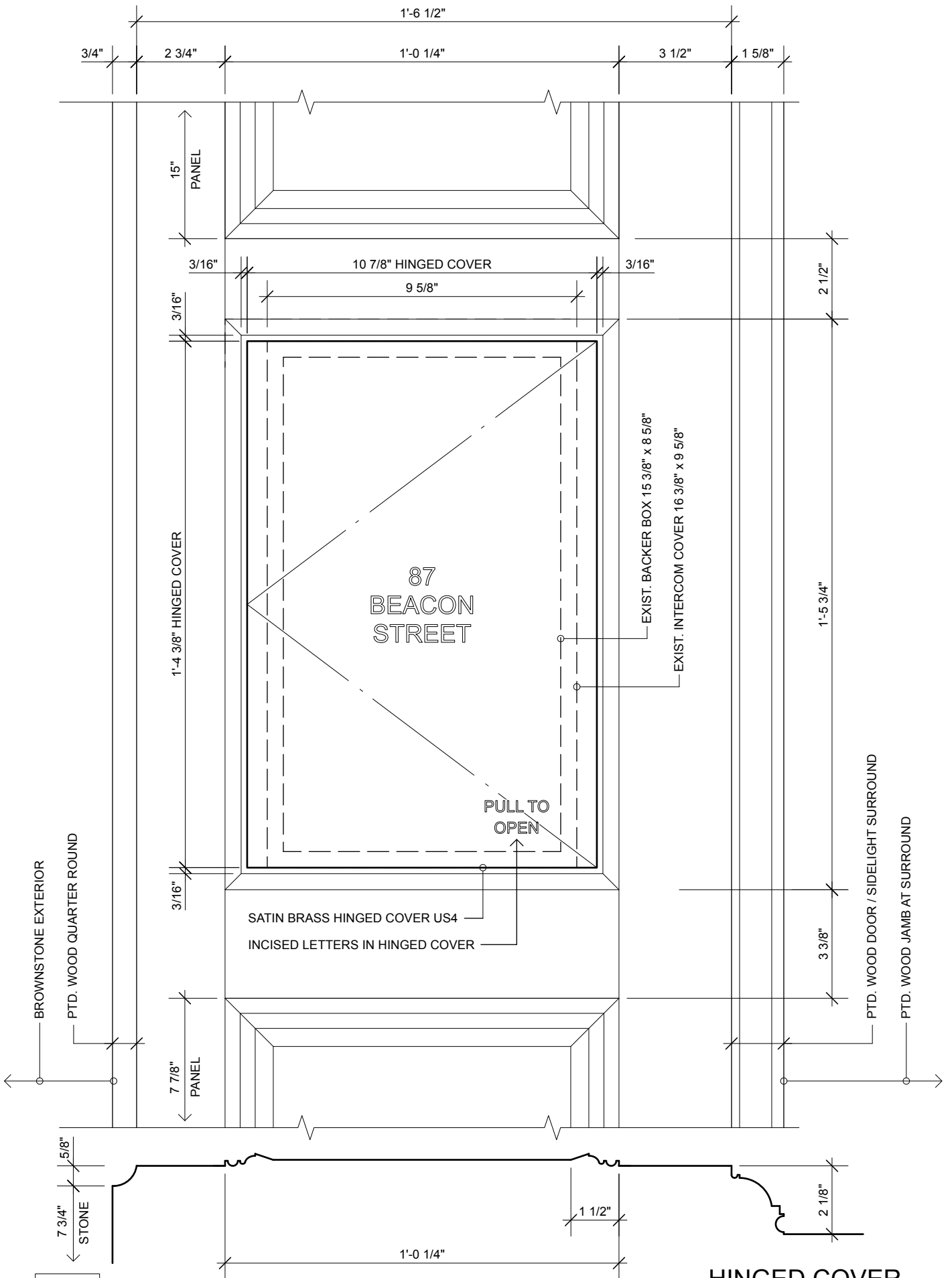
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**RELOCATED INTERCOM
87 BEACON STREET**

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**HINGED COVER
87 BEACON STREET**

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