

Certificate of Review

Application for Building Permit. HPC2002041101

An application submitted by Mr. Bruce London for construction of an accessory building in the form of a utility shed at 13 Center Street was received by the Historic Preservation Commission April 11, 2002. The application was reviewed at the regular meeting April 18, 2002, with the following comments:

The submitted material consisted of a site plan with the location marked. A brochure that contained sizes, materials and drawings sufficient to understand the nature of what was being proposed was requested and provided subsequent to the meeting.

The proposed shed will be located in the yard adjacent to Chestnut Avenue. This section of Chestnut Avenue is a walking path that does not have many houses fronting it. The yards that border it are generally landscaped to indicate a modest delineation of the private from public property except at the church property across the avenue which allows an open vista from Chestnut Road and the Town Hall. There is a single deteriorating metal shed across the avenue from the location of the proposed shed. The structure will be visible from the avenue, Chestnut Road and the Town Hall.

The proposed structure is a small prefab wooden kit that is of a very modest height and scale. It has a gambrel roof that brings the eave line fairly low and minimizes the apparent mass of the structure. It was suggested that the shed be located behind an existing row of bushes so that it would be less visible from the walkway. The siding and trim are different than the main house and should be stained to blend in to the surrounding foliage.

The Commission recommends in favor of the proposal.

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