

**Certificate of Review
for 201 Brown St.**

Application for Building Permit
HPC2003102101

An application to move a shed was submitted to the WG Town Office on October 17, 2003 by Larry French and reviewed by HPC at its October 21, 2003 monthly meeting.

General Description: The plan calls for relocating an 8 ft .x 12 ft .shed from a location adjoining the neighboring property to a location 7.5 ft. from that property and approximately 31 ft. from Grove Rd. The rear of the shed will face Grove Rd. This will result in the structure projecting about 6 ft. beyond the existing fence which must be removed, then restored to abut the shed.

Adequacy of the Documents Submitted - The documents submitted included the building permit application and a sketch representing one side elevation and one (non-specified) end elevation showing a gambrel roofline. Also provided was a revised plat. The owner was not present at the HPC meeting but was contacted by phone to clarify some details. A clearer description of the pre and post move positions would have been helpful to the Commission.

Visibility from public ways - The shed will be visible from Grove Rd. and Brown St. The owner will attempt to block this view of the shed with plantings on its side toward Grove Rd.

Contributing structure - Neither the residence nor the shed are contributing structures.

Nearby Contributing structures - The shed is and will continue to be visible from two contributing structures: 103 Grove Ave. and 105 Grove Ave.

Compatibility – The applicant’s residence and the three homes directly north from there along Grove Rd. are all post WW II and pre-1960 non-contributing structures. Each of the adjoining three homes has a storage shed along Grove Rd. and each shed was constructed within the last 10 years. The applicant’s plan is compatible with the adjacent properties and he stated that he intends to paint his shed green.

Please note that the Historic Preservation Commission acts only in an advisory capacity to both applicants and the Planning Commission. The reviews undertaken are designed to assist homeowners in their projects, to provide input to deliberations of the Planning Commission and, more generally, to contribute to historic preservation in Washington Grove.

Further information regarding the scope, powers, duties, and structure of the Historic Preservation Commission may be found in Article XV of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Washington Grove. Section 5 (a) of Article XV describes the powers and duties of the Historic Preservation Commission in the building permit process. This section reads as follows:

The Commission shall review all applications for building permits filed with the Town Planning Commission which would involve any change to a structure or site visible from any public way for historical accuracy, integrity, or compatibility with the neighborhood and improvements therein. The Commission may recommend to an applicant alternative historical designs, materials and sources for the same which may be more historically compatible, The Commission shall forward its recommendations regarding the same, if any, in an advisory capacity, to the Planning Commission for consideration by the Planning Commission within thirty (30) days from the Commission’s receipt of the application from the Planning Commission.

Edward J. Mroczka, Member
Town of Washington Grove, Historic Preservation Commission
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October 29, 2003
Date