

Certificate of Review
for 201 Maple Road

HPC2010-12-21-01

A building permit application for a shed was submitted to the Town Office on December 1, 2010, by homeowner Jim Snyder, and was forwarded to the HPC for review at its monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 21. The homeowner was not present at the review.

General Description: A 6' x 6' garden shed, measuring 8' in height at the roof peak, is proposed to be built/placed at the rear of the applicant's property (near Cherry Avenue). The materials to be used for the shed's exterior have not been specified. Double doors in cedar, with strap hinges, are depicted. A small, round gable window is shown above the double doors.

Adequacy of the Documents Submitted: The documents submitted were adequate for the HPC's review. In addition to the permit application, building permit worksheet, and house location survey, the applicant provided a 1-page summary of his building plan, which included a small color photograph and minimal specifications from the shed manufacturer.

Visibility from public ways: The new shed will be visible from Cherry Avenue. It may possibly be visible from Maple Road and from Oak Street.

Contributing structure: The house (ca. 1975-1978, per HPC's list of contributing and non-contributing structures) is not a contributing structure.

Nearby Contributing Structures: Nearby contributing structures include 205 Maple Avenue and 410, 418 and 419 Oak Street.

Compatibility with the existing structure and/or the historic district: This modest shed presents no negative compatibility issues vis à vis the existing structure or the historic district.

HPC Recommendations: Exterior materials have not been specified. The HPC encourages the use of natural materials. The HPC also suggests that the homeowner consider incorporating some detail (for example, a small window or a gable window) on the side of the shed that faces Cherry Avenue



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Date: December 23, 2010

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.

cc: Applicant Planning Commission Web site, Bill Saar
HPC members Mayor Darrell Anderson
HPC Binder Town Clerk, Kathy Lehman