

**Certificate of Review  
for 309 First Avenue**

**Building Permit Application  
HPC2004020401**

An application to enlarge a deck, extend a roof line and add a ramp for accessibility was submitted to the WG Town Office on 02/04/04 by Ralph Hurst (agent for owner Jim Shiflet) and reviewed by HPC at its February 17, 2004 monthly meeting.

**General Description:** The existing deck facing Grove Road will be enlarged more than doubling its present size. The expansion allows for the construction of a long ramp for handicapped accessibility to be built around three sides of the deck. A portico will also be constructed over the deck at the main entrance of the residence.

**Adequacy of the Documents Submitted:** A permit application, plat facsimile, elevations and construction plans were submitted.

**Visibility from public ways:** The construction will be visible from Grove Road, Zoe Wadsworth Park and partially visible from First Avenue.

**Contributing structure:** This is not a contributing structure.

**Nearby Contributing structures:** There are contributing structures on either side of the applicant’s residence and a predominant number of them in the immediate area.

**Compatibility:** Although this is not a contributing structure, the addition of the portico adds another roofline to the Grove Road elevation. HPC encourages the use of multiple roof lines in design. The expanded deck area allows for a less than conspicuous incorporation of a necessarily long entry ramp.

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.*

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Edward J. Mroczka - Member  
of the Historic Preservation Commission  
cc: HPC file  
Jim & Ann Shiflet

March 3, 2004  
Date