

Certificate of Review

Application for Building Permit. HPC2006-04182006
for 415 Center Street

An application to add a screened Gazebo the rear lot of 415 Center Street was submitted to the WG Town Office on March 30th by the property owners Michael T. and Cynthia S. Elliott. It was reviewed by the HPC at its April 18, 2006 meeting.

General Description: The submission envisions adding a 12' x 12' screened Gazebo on one of two possible locations on the rear of applicants property..

Adequacy of the Documents Submitted. The documents submitted included two site plats, plans including elevations, and a color catalogue showing this and other possible gazebo models from which this particular Gazebo was selected.

Visibility from public ways. The planned accessory structure will be visible from Ridge Road.

Contributing structure. This is not a contributing structure.

Nearby Contributing structures. There are no nearby contributing structures in line of sight.

Compatibility. The homes on Ridge Road -- with the exception of those built on the nearby "pipe stem" off Ridge [and not visible to or from the intended structure], and those on Ridge Road going Westerly towards Brown -- are 1950's rambler type single family dwellings. The proposed Gazebo has a distinctively "Victorian" design. The materials to be used are natural wood with a shake roof. Either of the two locations the applicants have in mind on their very deep and wooded lot would be suitable. The HPC supports the addition of this Gazebo-- an eye-appealing and functional landscaping type feature -- which the Commission feels will add an interesting Grovelike visual feature to the rear area of the property.

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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