

HPC Review  
for 315 Grove Avenue – **REVISION 2**

HPC2021-07-20-02

An application for a Public Ways and Property Permit dated July 13 was submitted by homeowner Jane Seegal for work at her residence at 315 Grove Avenue. The application was reviewed at the next regular monthly meeting of the HPC on Tuesday, July 21. The homeowner was not present for the review.

**General Description:** The existing walkway behind the residence has settled in places, causing water to pool in bad weather. The project consists of lifting the bricks, levelling the path, and re-laying the bricks on a base of stone dust.

**Adequacy of the Documents Submitted:** The documents submitted were sufficient for the HPC’s review of the project. A clear narrative of the work to be done, and a photograph, were included with the application.

**Visibility from public ways:** The proposed work will be visible from Grove Avenue.

**Contributing structure:** The house, identified as c. 1888 in the list of Contributing and Non-Contributing Resources in the 2020 updated National Register Nomination, is a contributing resource to the historic district, and can be described as follows:

*The one-and-a-half-story, Carpenter Gothic-style cottage at 315 Grove Avenue has a high degree of architectural integrity. Although the cottage has a Grove Avenue street address, its prominent porch, steep gable with decorative bargeboards and bracing, and double doors face Second Avenue. The corrugated metal, hipped-roof porch includes a screened section with wood posts and an open section with vinyl posts. All the porch supports have sawn wood decorative brackets. The house has fiber-cement siding and features a variety of window forms, including two-over-two and six-over, double-hung, vinyl sash and vinyl casements. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Skylights and gabled dormers light the upper level. A one-story addition stands on the north side of the house.*

**Nearby Contributing structures:** Nearby contributing resources include the Woman’s Club at 316 Grove Avenue, the residences at 313 and 319 Grove Avenue; 1, 2, 6, 8, 12, 13, 15 and 17 The Circle.

**Compatibility with the historic district and/or existing structure:** The proposed work is compatible with the historic district and the existing home. HPC considers the work to be within the scope of normal maintenance and repair.

**HPC Recommendations:** None

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for the Historic Preservation Commission

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Date: August 10, 2021

cc: Applicant  
HPC members  
HPC Binder

Planning Commission  
Mayor John Compton  
Town Clerk, Kathy Lehman

Web site, Christine Dibble

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.