

The Town of Washington Grove Historic Preservation Commission

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Certificate of Review **Application for Building Permit**

114 Ridge Road HPC2007-1016-01

An application to build a shed was submitted to the Town Office on 10/03/07 by Gary Temple and forwarded by the Planning Commission for review by the HPC at its monthly meeting on October 16, 2007. .

General Description: The applicant plans to construct a 12'x12' storage shed on the area of the property near Cherry Avenue replacing an existing shed. The shed will be "stick-built" un like the common method of installing 'pre-fab" units. The shed will have a gabled roof composed of cedar shakes. A small window will be placed in the gable area facing Ridge Road. This wall will have a door in the center with a window on either side. The north side will also have two windows. The siding will be cedar Texture I-11. The applicant was present for the review.

Adequacy of the Documents Submitted: The documents submitted were adequate for review.

Visibility from public ways: The shed will be visible from Cherry Avenue and Ridge Road.

Contributing structure: The residence, built in 1947, is not a contributing structure.

Nearby Contributing Structures: They include 102, 108,110, and 112 Ridge Road.

Compatibility with existing structure and historic district: The style of the shed will be harmonious with the immediate surroundings. Natural building materials are to be used which is compatible with older Grove structures. Some recycled elements will be used in the construction.

HPC Recommendations: The HPC recommended that the applicant consider using an "entry door" facing Cherry Avenue because this would serve to orient the shed toward the "Avenue." This is a common characteristic of the original design of the orientation of homes in the Grove. It was suggested that the door need not be functional but serve only to enhance the facade on the "Avenue" side. The HPC commends the the applicant's plan.

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. Mrocza,

for the Historic Preservation Commission Date

October 26, 2007

cc: Planning Commission

Applicant:

HPC File

Mayor John Compton

Town File

Town Web Site, Bill Saar