

Certificate of Review  
for 117 Washington Grove Lane

Application for Building Permit.

HPC2003-050702

May 10, 2003

An application to replace an existing shed was submitted to the WG Town Office Clerk-Treasurer on April 29, 2003 by David Wilmering and reviewed by the HPC at a Special Meeting on May 5, 2003.

*General Description:* The plans call for replacing an existing metal shed with a prefabricated 533 cubic foot painted galvanized steel Sears High Gambrel Lawn Building..

**Adequacy of the Documents Submitted.** The documents submitted included zeroxed manufacturer’s information on the structure, and site plan. Coupled with photographs taken by the HPC, this was sufficient for review.

**Visibility from public ways.** The shed will be visible from Hickory Road and partially visible from Railroad Street as well.

**Contributing [historic] structure.** This is not a historic structure.

**Nearby Contributing [historic ]structures.** There are several historic structures on the other side of Hickory Road which this addition will impact.

**Compatibility.** This, and the homes adjacent thereto are post world war II homes. As a first general comment, when replacing a structure the HPC would like to support moving towards compatibility with the owners other structures, adjacent structures, and other Grove structures. To that end, the HPC recommends the owner consider using a shed with a gable roof rather than a Gambrel one. Gable roofs are more in keeping with the rest of the structures on Hickory Road and the Grove itself. In addition, we would encourage the homeowner to consider replacing the existing shed with one of natural materials -- wood rather than metal -- and to face the replacement shed so the detailing faces Hickory Road.

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.

Charles [Chris] Kirtz, Member  
for the Historic Preservation Commission

Date

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--- Chris Kirtz <ckirtz@hotmail.com> wrote:  
> Colleagues:  
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> Here's my proposed write up on 117 Washington Grove  
> Lane based on last  
> night's discussions.  
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> As with Pine Street, plse let me have your comments  
> ASAP as I leave town  
> tomorrow and want to get these to Kathy before I  
> leave.  
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> REGARDING 104 PINE, PLSE NOTE I MISSPELLED GAMBREL  
> AND WILL REDO THAT.  
> ALSO, IN WHAT ATTACHED, VS WHAT I HAD ON MY SCREEN,  
> THERE WAS AN INCOMPLETE  
> REFERENCE TO SUBMISSION TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION  
> IN THE FIRST SENTENCE. I  
> INTEND TO EDIT THAT.  
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> Chris  
> 301-990-7935  
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