

Certificate of Review
128 Chestnut Avenue

Application for Building Permit.

HPC2002-052801
June 3, 2002

An application for a building permit submitted to the Town of Washington Grove Planning Commission by Paris Pacchione was received by the HPC on May 28, 2002. The application is to construct an exterior staircase to a recently added studio above a garage. The garage is attached to the Pacchione residence at 128 Chestnut Avenue. The application states that the applicant is the owner of the residence. The application includes drawings and a house location survey.

The house fronts onto Chestnut Avenue. It has a side entrance from Oak Street. The garage doors also face north on Oak Street. The rear of the lot is on Hickory Road. The front of the residence faces Chestnut Avenue. Its exterior and gabled roofs are in the cottage style of older Grove houses. The newly added garage is compatible in volume with, and maintains the style of, the older residence. A deck was recently added to the south side of the residence. A railing surrounds it.

The application does not state what materials will be used to construct the stairs and railings nor does it provide information on the style of the balusters for the stair railing. The application was reviewed by the HPC at its meeting on May 30, 2002. It would help the HPC in its review process if photos of the existing structure(s) and adjacent structures or areas were provided with applications.

The exterior stairs will be visible from Chestnut Avenue and from Hickory Road. The HPC feels that the residence is a contributing structure with respect to the historic and architectural character of the Town. The HPC has reviewed the plan. We recommend that it be agreed that the stairs not be enclosed. The HPC recommends that the materials and style or design of the balusters and/or balustrade for the new stairs be consistent with the balusters and railings of the deck. We have forwarded this review to the Town of Washington Grove Planning Commission.

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Date

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