

HPC Review
for 354 Ridge Road

HPC2018-09-20-03

Homeowner John Fassett submitted an Application for Residential Building Permit dated September 12, 2018. The application was forwarded to the HPC for review at its monthly meeting on Thursday, September 20 (the meeting having been rescheduled from its standard third Tuesday of the month).

General Description: Shed

Adequacy of the Documents Submitted: The documents submitted were sufficient for HPC's review of the project. They included a building permit application, building permit worksheet, house location survey, and color photograph of the proposed shed.

General Scope of Project:

A one-story "pre-fab Amish-type wooden shed", measuring 10'x16', is proposed for the Fassett/Bolotin property. The height of the shed is not indicated in the documentation. The barn-red wood siding has a vertical pattern, and the trim is shown as a dark tan. Double doors are shown on the left side of the front elevation, and two four-over-four windows, flanked by reddish brown shutters, are shown to the right of the double doors. A ribbed metal roof is depicted in the photograph. The new shed is proposed to be placed adjacent to the existing, larger (10'x24') shed, which will be demolished when the new shed is in place.

Visibility from public ways: The new construction will be visible from Ridge Road.

Contributing structure: The house, circa 1950 per the Maryland tax assessment, is not a contributing resource.

Nearby Contributing structures: 301/302 Ridge Road (Homewood) is the closest contributing resource.

Compatibility with the historic district and/or existing structure: The proposed construction is modest in scale, and compatible with the existing building and with the historic district.

HPC Recommendations: HPC has no specific recommendations for this project. The use of natural materials is commended.

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Date: September 22, 2018

cc: Applicant Planning Commission
HPC members Mayor John Compton
HPC Binder Town Clerk, Kathy Lehman
Web site, Bill Saar

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.