

Certificate of Review

411 Chestnut Ave

Application for Building Permit

HPC2004061502

An application to construct a shed was submitted to the WG Town Office on June 8, 2004 by Tom Kaufman and Jessica Jones and forwarded by the Planning Commission for review by HPC at its June 15, 2004 monthly meeting.

General Description: The applicants plan to construct a shed on an existing concrete driveway on the Chestnut Road side of the residence. (Note: The plat submitted by the applicant appears to have the location of Chestnut Road and Chestnut Avenue reversed. The designation of “north” appears to be pointing south.)

Adequacy of the Documents Submitted: The documents submitted included a front/right side perspective drawing, construction details and the plat showing the location of the new shed.

Visibility from Public ways: The shed will be visible from Chestnut Road and McCauley Street.

Contributing (Historic) Structure: The residence is not a contributing structure.

Nearby Contributing (Historic) Structures: There are several which face Grove Avenue and back onto Chestnut Rd./ across from the residence.

Compatibility: The applicant noted that the shed will be sided with cedar shakes. The HPC encourages the use of natural building materials. The details with regard to material to be used for trim and windows were not specified. The HPC recommends the use of a wood door instead of the steel door specified in the 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, Member
for the Historic Preservation Commission

July 2, 2004
Date

cc: Planning Commission
Applicants: Tom Kaufman/Jessica Jones
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