Bristol Historic District Commission

Application for Review of Proposed Work - Printable Application

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Project Address	Assessor's Plat/Lot
721 HOPE ST , BRISTOL, RI, 02809	008-0003-000

Applicant	Architect/Engineer	Contractor
Olivia Spence	Olivia Spence	

Property Owner (If Different from Applicant)	Owner Mailing Address (If different than Project Address)
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Work Category:	Addition to Structure(s)

Description of proposed work:

We are proposing a two-story addition to the existing single-story, two-car garage. The proposed addition would hold a two-bedroom accessory dwelling unit for the homeowner to use as his primary residence.

All exterior finishes are to be wood with painted finish: wooden shingles with an exposure to match the existing historic home; wooden window and door trim/casings to match the existing home; cable railings with wooden top cap and pressure treated posts wrapped w/ 3/4" trim (similar to those at 715 Hope St). All new windows are to be wood on the interior and either wood or clad wood on the exterior, despite the fact that the existing historic home has all vinyl replacements. As an alternative to the shingles, we would also be interested in using horizontal wooden clapboard as a second exterior finish option, as the shingles on the existing home appear to be asbestos. There is clapboard on what appears to be later additions to the home on the back of the building that we could match instead

We have made the revisions suggested in our Concept Review hearing and are presenting two floor plan options, each with two roof options, for a total of four potential options for this addition. Each option has scaled 3D perspectives that show the proposed building and the visual impact it would have from Thames and Oliver streets.

Scheme A maintains the garage footprint (with the exception of a new 3'-6" stair, the minimum needed to gain access to the new floors above). Roof option 1 is a gable roof to match the style of the existing home. Roof option 2 is a flat roof to limit the building's height as much as possible.

Scheme B is the scheme we presented at our concept review, showing a 6' cantilever over the driveway. This scheme is shown with the

same two roof options as Scheme A.

While we understand the proposed addition is not small, we believe it presents an opportunity to enhance the visual character of Thames and Oliver Street by providing a unified architectural treatment to the rear of the existing property, which has seen incrementa and disordered additions to the primary structure over time.

Property History

Building Survey Data	
RIHPHC ID #:	BRIS00940
HISTORIC NAME:	Howland, Josiah, House
ARCH. STYLE:	Federal
ORIGINAL CONSTRUCTION DATE (est.):	1799
ALTERATIONS TO MAJOR ARCH. SINCE 1978 (Height, Massing, Wall Covering, Trim, Windows. Porches)	
Vinyl 6/6 replacement windows.	

Olivia Spence
Applicant's Digital Signature
Date: April 10, 2026