



Bristol Historic District Commission

Application for Review of Proposed Work - Printable Application

HDC-25-35

March 31, 2025

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Project Address	Assessor's Plat	Assessor's Lot
70 Griswold Ave	163	3

Applicant	Applicant Phone	Applicant Email
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Property Owner (If Different from Applicant)	Owner Mailing Address
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Architect/Engineer	A/E Phone Number	A/E Email
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Contractor	Contractor Phone Number	Contractor Email

Work Category:	Addition to Structure(s)
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Description of proposed work:
Adding solar panels to the roof structure of the main house and garage

Property History
JOHN DEWOLFHOUSE/THE FARM 1787, 1798, c. 1900: Known simply as The Farm, this 2-story, 5-bay, gable-roof, Federal farm house was built in three sections. After the Revolution, John DeWolf 1760-1841 gradually acquired land on both sides of Griswold Avenue until his farm stretched from Bristol Harbor to Mount Hope Bay. He began this house in 1787 as a summer home; he started work on his winter house at 433 Hope Street in 1789. In 1798 work on The Farm was resumed. A contract with his house wright Simeon Pierce is at the Bristol Historical Society. Fine period detailing survives both inside and outside. After John DeWolf's death, his son John 1786-1862, who represented Bristol in the General Assembly and taught chemistry at Brown University, lived here. Title to The Farm passed to two grandsons. John James DeWolf received the land west of Ferry Road including the sites of Blithewold, St. Columban Monastery and Wind Hill and A. Sidney DeWolf the land east to Mount Hope Bay, with this house. A. Sidney DeWolf's daughter Clara married Nathanael Greene Herreshoff, one of the founders of the Herreshoff Manufacturing Company, in 1885; the Herreshoffs lived here until her death in 1905. Remains of the gardens, laid out by John DeWolf in 1798 and developed by the Herreshoffs, are still evident. Among the specimen plantings is perhaps the largest lemon wood tree in America.

Building Survey Data	
RIHPHC ID #:	
HISTORIC NAME:	
ARCH. STYLE:	
ORIGINAL CONSTRUCTION DATE (est.):	
ALTERATIONS TO MAJOR ARCH. SINCE 1978 (Height, Massing, Wall Covering, Trim, Windows, Porches)	

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Applicant's Name – Printed
Date: March 31, 2025

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Applicant's Digital Signature