

8 Constitution Street - Description of Work

We are excited to make Bristol our new home and revitalize 8 Constitution St., a neglected property. We plan to rehabilitate the existing house, add a second floor within the current footprint, and maintain the home's historic character.

On the street side, we plan to respect the house's original massing and details. In order to distinguish between the original and new Addition, we plan to incorporate a horizontal trim band and/or a change in siding at the height of the existing roof eave. We would like to extend the porch to the entire width of the front of the house, similar to others on the street, and cover it with a new hipped roof that is similar in scale, height and pitch to the existing roof. We plan to incorporate the existing exposed rafter tails into the new porch roof and will use them in the front part of the Addition roof (hipped to match the existing) if there are enough in good condition. Also, we propose keeping the diamond window pattern (to be updated in the drawings), on the front and south elevations in both the existing house and the Addition.

The chimney is in disarray and needs to be removed. We would like to build a new brick chimney on the west side of the house. In the rear of the property, we would like to add glass sliders with a patio at grade and a balcony at the second floor to take advantage of the water views. The garage will also be restored with a new garage door in the front and a sliding door in the back.

We look forward to working with the HDC to bring this old, neglected house back to life and make Bristol our home.