

June 5th, 2026

Subject: Request for Approval of Window and Siding Replacement

Dear Members of the Historic Preservation Committee,

I respectfully submit this request for approval of the proposed replacement of the existing windows and exterior siding at my property.

The proposed scope of work has been developed in consideration of the Committee's prior comments, the Town's Historic Preservation Guidelines, and the findings discussed during the HPC meetings regarding the property's condition and alterations over time.

Proposed Window Replacement

The proposed replacement windows are Andersen 200 Series wood-clad windows. These windows have been selected because they maintain the traditional appearance of painted wood windows while providing improved energy efficiency, durability, and weather resistance.

The Andersen 200 Series windows feature natural wood interiors and an exterior-clad finish that is compatible with the architectural character of the home and consistent with the Historic Preservation Guidelines. The proposed windows will preserve the traditional proportions and appearance of the existing openings while addressing the functional deficiencies of the current windows.

The replacement windows are intended to be a compatible and respectful improvement that maintains the residential character of the structure while enhancing its long-term performance and sustainability.

Proposed Siding Replacement

Consistent with the recommendations and approval direction provided by the Historic Preservation Committee during the March 2026 meeting, the proposed replacement siding is James Hardie Artisan V-Groove siding.

During prior investigations and construction analysis, original horizontal wood siding was discovered beneath the existing wood shingle siding. The exposed historic material revealed a horizontal V-groove profile with an approximate seven-inch exposed face. Based on this discovery and the Committee's recommendations, the James Hardie Artisan V-Groove product was selected because it closely replicates the historic configuration and appearance of the original siding, with the same 7" exposure and v-groove shape.

The proposed Artisan V-Groove siding provides:

- A horizontal siding orientation consistent with the original siding discovered on the structure.

- A matching V-groove profile.
- A matching seven-inch exposed face dimension.
- A durable and low-maintenance material suitable for long-term preservation of the home's appearance.
- Enhanced fire resistance compared to traditional wood siding. Improved resilience in wildfire-prone regions and reduced long-term maintenance requirements.
- A Class A fire-rated (noncombustible, inflammable, and non-explosive) assembly, providing the highest level of flame-spread performance recognized under applicable building standards.
- Enhanced durability against moisture, rot, insects, and weather-related deterioration.
- Improved long-term energy performance when installed as part of a modern exterior wall assembly, contributing to greater building efficiency and sustainability.

Exposure width confirmation:

James Hardie Artisan Board: 7”



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Specs: V-Groove —

Color Collection	Width	Length	Thickness	ExposureWidth
Primed for Paint ^	8.250 IN	144.000 IN	0.625 IN	7.000 IN

Specs: Shiplap +

Specs: Square Channel +

Specs: Lap +

Old siding (allegedly): also 7"



Technical Demolition Considerations

As discussed during the Committee's March 2026 meeting, the proposed work should not be classified as a technical demolition.

The historical record and evidence presented to the Committee established that the property previously underwent substantial alterations, including two separate technical demolition events. Of particular significance was the complete removal and replacement of the front façade siding system, along with extensive replacement of exterior wall materials elsewhere on the structure (more than 50% including all elevations).

These prior alterations resulted in the loss and replacement of substantial portions of the original exterior fabric (loss of integrity). Accordingly, the proposed project involves replacement of materials that have already been significantly altered or replaced during previous construction campaigns.

Based on the Committee's discussion and conclusions during the March 2026 hearing, the proposed window and siding replacement work is therefore exempt from technical demolition classification and should be reviewed as a rehabilitation and exterior improvement project rather than as a demolition activity.

Conclusion

The proposed project has been carefully designed to follow the direction provided by the Historic Preservation Committee and to maintain compatibility with the architectural character of the property.

The Andersen 200 Series wood-clad windows provide a historically compatible window solution, while the James Hardie Artisan V-Groove siding accurately replicates the horizontal V-groove siding profile and seven-inch exposure discovered beneath the existing siding. Furthermore, the proposed work is consistent with the Committee's prior findings that the project does not constitute a technical demolition due to the substantial prior replacement of exterior materials and the established history of earlier technical demolition events affecting the structure.

For these reasons, I respectfully request the Committee's approval of the proposed window and siding replacement project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Nima Rouhi
Property Owner