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Delaware City Historic Preservation Commission

October 12, 2012

Jeremy and Melissa Poling
214 Hamilton Street
P.O. Box 160
Delaware City, DE 19706

**Re: Letter of Appropriateness
214 Hamilton Street – Barn siding
Tax Parcel No. 22-009.00-043
DCHD Property Inventory No. – N-6333.194**

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Poling:

The Delaware City Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) met in a publicly noticed meeting on October 2, 2012 to consider your application to vinyl siding to a large barn on your property. The barn is considered to be a contributing building to the Delaware City Historic District. The barn dates to the mid-19th century.

The HPC reviewed the proposed design with consideration of the factors required under Section 49-6a. *Alterations*, the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation, and the intent of the review process under Section 49-1. The proposal was found to be in conflict with these sections and guidelines, and was not approved. Although missing doors were replaced with steel doors and windows have been inserted along one wall without permit, the barn was found to retain enough integrity to still be considered a historic building within the district. The

application of vinyl to the entire surface of this highly visible building would significantly diminish the remaining historic integrity.

The current board sheathing, although replaced in some locations with plywood, was not demonstrated to be beyond repair. Recommendations included tooting in replacement boards of similar dimension, replacing the missing battens in order to close the spaces between boards, and painting. The commission also suggested applying for a grant from the Delaware Preservation Fund to help defray the cost of repairs.

Because the application is for work within the residential zone of the historic district, compliance with the recommendations of the commission are voluntary.

Thank you for your cooperation with the HPC.

Sincerely,



Debra Campagnari Martin, Chair
Delaware City Historic Preservation Commission

cc: Parcel File