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Delaware City Historic Preservation Commission

June 7, 2012

Mr. Jon Watts
401 Clinton Street
P.O. Box 210
Delaware City, DE 19706

**Re: Letter of Appropriateness
Rehabilitation of Existing Building, 401 Clinton Street
Tax Parcel No. 22-009.00-059
DCHD Property Inventory No. – N-6333.181**

Dear Mr. Watts:

The Delaware City Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) met in a publicly noticed meeting on June 5, 2012 to consider your application to retain vinyl siding placed on your residence without local permit. Number 401 Clinton Street is a contributing building to the Delaware City Historic District.

You offered at the meeting that there were extenuating circumstances related to your lack of compliance with the violation notice from town hall, namely a health emergency and miscommunication with your contractor regarding permits and schedule. Prior to the HPC meeting, you authorized your contractor to finish the nearly-completed work. You also stated that the previous siding was painted asbestos shingles, and that the wood trim and soffit area of the porch has been preserved and will be repainted.

The HPC reviewed the proposed alteration with consideration of the following factors required under Section 49-6 a.) *Alterations*, the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation, and the intent of the review process under Section 49-1. Although the commission would have encouraged you to consider revealing the original wood clapboards or restoring the same, the presence of the asbestos shingle as a non-original material would have been a mitigating factor. Given the circumstances as stated, and your acknowledgement of your error, the HPC has approved the material as installed, and encourages you to maintain existing wood trim. The proposal was found to be not in significant conflict with the stated code sections and guidelines, and was approved.

Because the application is related to work in a residential zoning area of the historic district, and is work which does not requiring a county building permit, the recommendations of the HPC are advisory. The HPC approved your application as presented. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Debra Campagnari Martin". The signature is written in black ink and includes a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Debra Campagnari Martin, Chair
Delaware City Historic Preservation Commission

cc: Parcel File