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October 17, 2013

Dale McNeill
723 Congress Street
Portland, Maine 04102

Re: Request to rebuild chimney and repoint part of the west wall, 723 Congress Street

Dear Mr. McNeill:

This office has reviewed and approved your request to rebuild the front west chimney, above the roof, and repoint a section of the west wall of the building. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

- Final approved mortar sample is the most recent test, viewed by staff to the left of the staging on 10-15-2013.
- In rebuilding the chimney, the contractor shall recreate the existing design. In the event that some of the existing brick cannot be reused, matching bricks must be used as replacements.
- Contractor shall record the formula for the mortar mix, including the dye used, and forward this formula to HP staff for inclusion in the project file.

All improvements shall be carried out as in the application and specifications submitted to staff on 8/8/13, and as described in conversations between Darren O'Brien of Grey Goose Masonry and Historic Preservation staff, except as to comply with the conditions above. Changes to the approved plans and specifications and any additional work that may be undertaken must be reviewed and approved by this office prior to construction, alteration, or demolition. If, during the course of completing the approved work, conditions are encountered which prevent completing the approved work, or which require additional or alternative work, you must apply for and receive a Certificate of Appropriateness or Non-Applicability PRIOR to undertaking additional or alternative work. This Certificate is granted upon condition that the work authorized herein is commenced within twelve (12) months after the date of issuance. If the work authorized by this Certificate is not commenced within twelve (12) months after the date of issuance or if such work is suspended in significant part for a period of one year after the time the work is commenced, such Certificate shall expire and be of no further effect; provided that, for cause, one or more extensions of time for periods not exceeding ninety (90) days each may be allowed in writing by the Department.

Sincerely,



Robert Wiener
Preservation Compliance Coordinator