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November 30, 2018

Brian Stephens, Plan Reviewer City of Portland Permitting & Inspections Department 389 Congress Street Portland, Maine 04101

RE: 32 May St BLDR2018-00415 Response to review comments dated November 27, 2018

Dear Brian,

Thank you talking to me today about your review of the building application for 32 May Street. Below are responses to each of your concerns.

TECHNO METAL POSTS

The gravity/vertical load on each of the two Techno Posts in the corners of the building is approximately 4,000# which is less than the 9,600# specified capacity for the Techno Post Model P2, which we will use for this project. Product information for the P2 post is attached.

GLAZING

Thank you for spotting this. We are re-using an original historic window near the shower. We propose to apply 3M Safety Window Film with 3M adhesive attachment system to each pane of the window, to bring the antique glass in compliance with CPSC 16 CFR 1201 Class II requirements of IRC Section R308. 3M's product info sheet is attached.

ROOF INSULATION

Per IECC Section 402.2.2 Ceilings without attic spaces, we may provide R-30 insulation in lieu of R-49 in the attic if both of the following bullets are met:

- There is not enough space for the required R-49 insulation. Because we are preserving the historic cornice of the original house, as preferred by historic preservation (see photo next page), attic space is limited.
- The area of the roof is below 500sf (we comply with this) or less than 20% of the total insulated ceiling area, whichever is less (we do not comply with this).

It is worth noting that in the 2015 IRC Code - Chapter 11 Energy Efficiency, a similar paragraph (N1102.2.2) does not include the maximum 20% of roof area provision. The same is true of the 2009 IRC Code that was the standard in Maine until the new codes were adopted earlier this year.

As I mentioned in our phone conversation on Friday, the owners intend to keep the door from the house to the bathroom open when the bathroom is not in use, to let light into the library. Heat will flow from the bathroom to the higher-ceilinged library. Adding more insulation to the bathroom roof will not prevent this heat flow.

I hope that you will consider these conditions and allow the reduction to R-30 insulation in the bathroom roof.

FLOOR INSULATION

Here we are utilizing Table 402.1.2, which requires R30 insulation in the floor with the exception provided by footnote g. which states "Or insulation sufficient to fill the framing cavity, R-19 minimum." We've clearly taken some liberties here, as we are not filling the cavity because of the plumbing pipes in that space. We prefer the good seal that closed cell spray foam provides at the band joist and low in the joist bay, combined with rigid insulation boards below the joists.

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Corrections to the drawings: the closed cell spray foam at 2" thick provides R-13. The rigid insulation should be 2" thick for R-10, not 1/2". Total proposed insulation R-value is R-23.

If the rigid insulation is thicker, it will become impractical to install it and the protection board to the bottom of the joists as there is not a lot of clearance to grade. We are hoping that you will agree that we are doing the best we can given the existing conditions.

SOIL PIPE SPACE

You raise a good point. The toilet is next to the wall of the house (18" to the centerline of the toilet) so the 4" soil pipe will not have far to go before it is in the existing basement. The elbow will be between the joists. If we need to furr below the joists in that corner of the addition to allow for adequate insulation, we will do so.

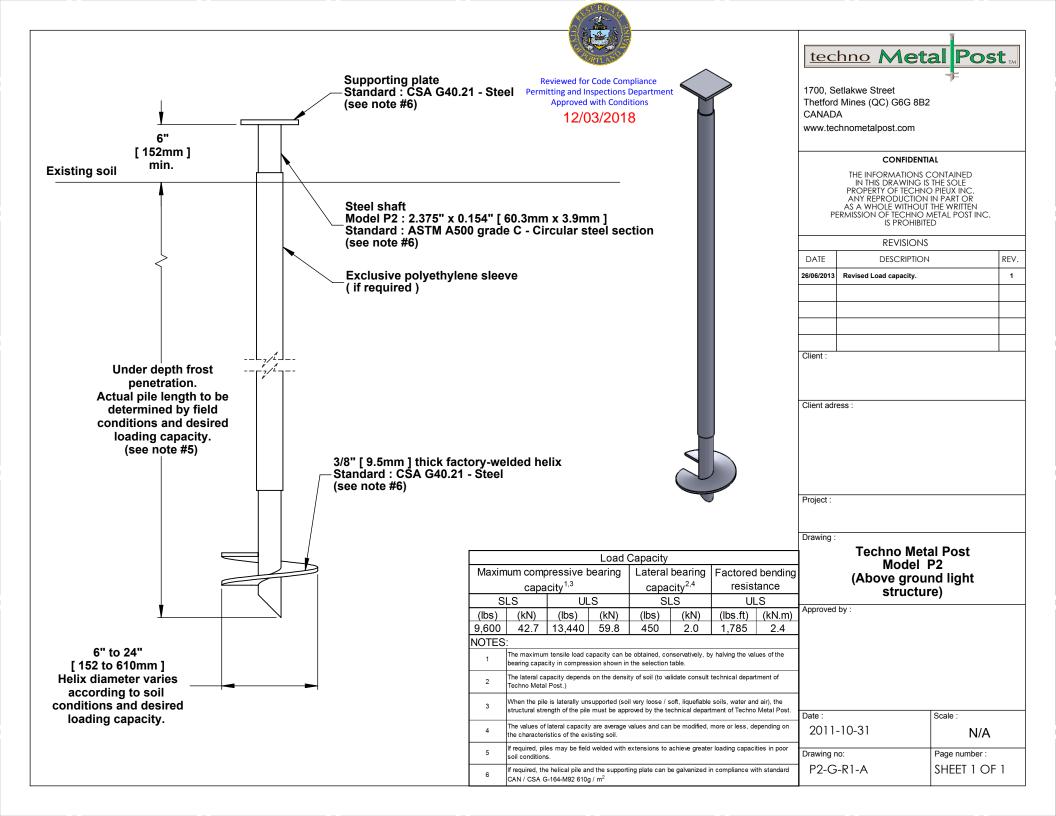
Thanks again for your comments. If accepted, the notes in this letter will be included as part of the on-site documents for construction.

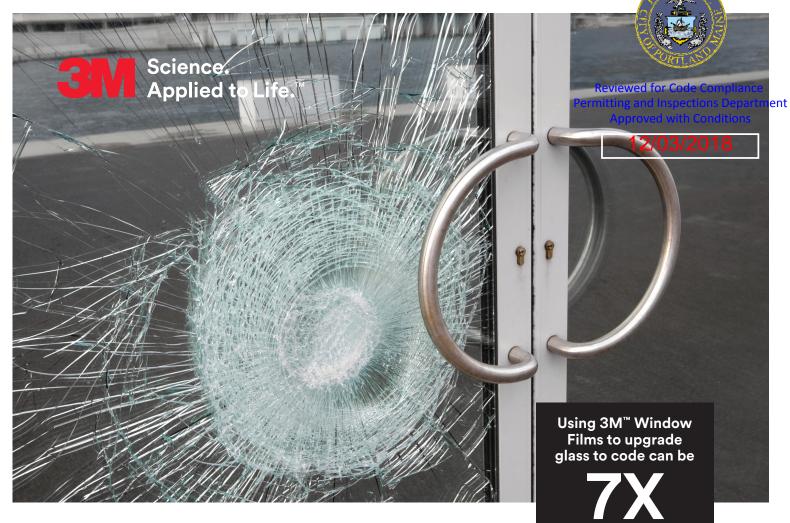
Sincerely,

Carol De Tine AIA



attachments: Techno Metal Posts information 3M Window Film information Drawing set - 3 pages





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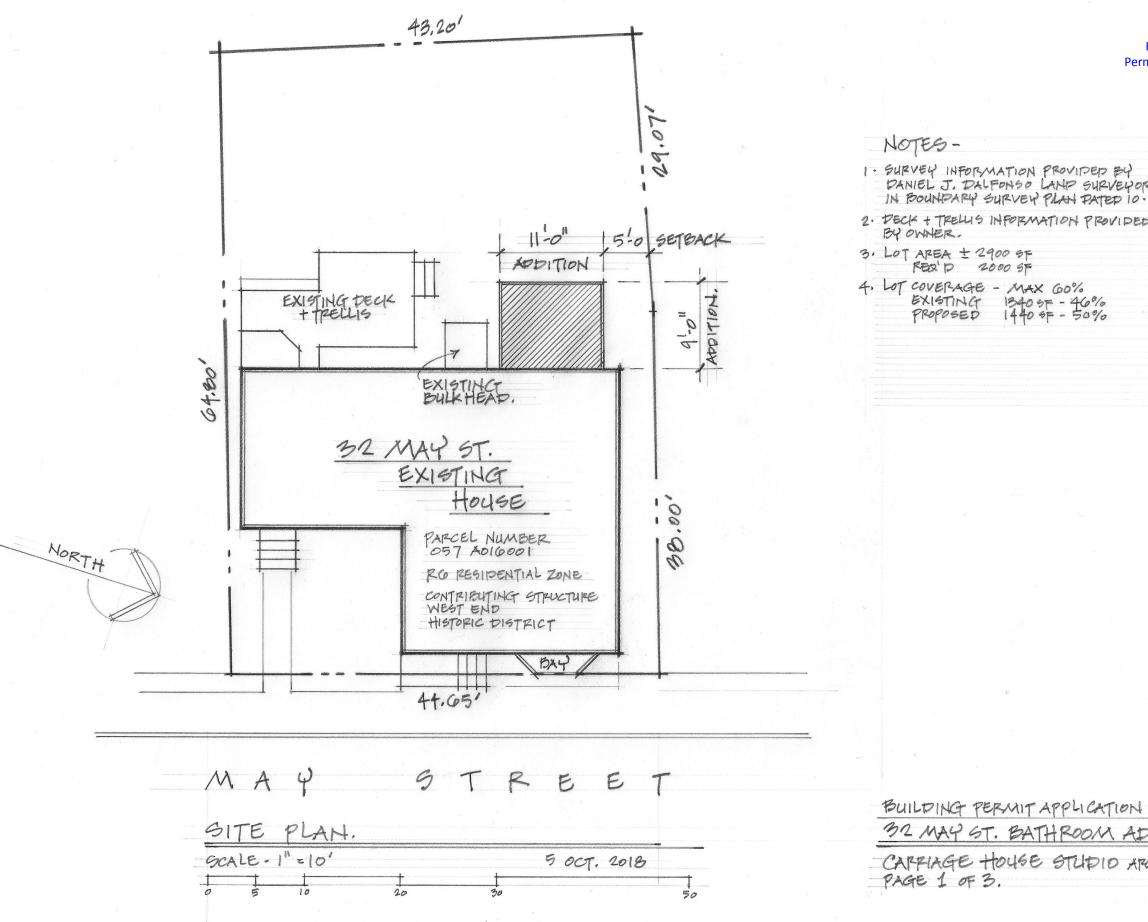
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2. DECK + TRELLIS INFORMATION PROVIDED BY OWNER.

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1. SURVEY INFORMATION PROVIDED BY DANIEL J. DALFONSO LAND SURVEYOR IN BOUNDARY SURVEY PLAN DATED 10.20.07.



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