

Tori Meserve - RE: 97 and 96 Lincoln Street

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Date: 11/25/2014 3:05 PM
Subject: RE: 97 and 96 Lincoln Street
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Hi John:

Yes, we have made a lot of progress!

We began by immediately reconstructing the rear stairway of the building as per the plans, which required that a new addition be added to the top of the building. In addition, the area that leads from the 3rd floor apartment to the rear stairway was sheet-rocked and re-floored. In addition, the wooden bead board paneling was removed from the rear entry area and replaced with sheetrock. This was completed (except for minor cosmetic work) shortly after we got the building permit in June of 2012. The cost of this whole thing was over \$30,000, which wiped me out financially, but it is done. [That required me to yank my daughter out of McAuley H.S. and put her back into public school, so my whole family sacrificed to get that project done!]

Before calling the City back for the final inspection, I need to complete the remainder of the work (e.g. widening the third floor front stairs by 6 inches and making it less steep) which is going to be a major, major project affecting the downstairs apartments as well, and I'm just trying to save the funds to do it.

I am also saving money to have the fire doors installed everywhere and I am planning to get that project done this winter. I have a phone call in to my contractor to get that work scheduled over the winter months. To me, that is a higher priority (and much easier to do) than widening the third floor front stairs by 6 inches so I was planning to do the fire doors next. (And we already put one in the new addition discussed above.)

This is not on your list, but I was also planning to call my electrician to have him check every single smoke detector to make sure they are in good working order and to replace any that are old or out of date.

My other building badly needs to be painted so I'm trying to work that into all of this as well. That's going to cost at least \$20,000 and the paint is literally peeling off in sheets so it needs to be done in the Spring.

I greatly appreciate your continued patience and working with me as I continue to make progress on this. I just learned last week that my mother (in Philadelphia) has advanced stage metastacized ovarian cancer and I will have to be spending large amounts of time travelling back and forth to Philadelphia to see to her care as I am her only child and her only close relative. So your continued patience would be very much appreciated. Unlike many landlords that I'm sure you deal with, I am responsive, caring and committing to getting everything done – it only takes some time and patience on all of our parts

Thank you for your many years of service to the City and I wish you all the best in your retirement.

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From: John Martell [mailto:martellj@portlandmaine.gov]
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Hi Jon,

I am just following up to see if you have made any progress on the legalization of the unit and the install of the dormer etc. We show that you had pulled permits back in June of 2012 but to the best of my knowledge we have not been called back for any inspections to sign off on the work. Please let us know how things are moving. We need to know if you are still renting the third floor unit at 96 Lincoln St. This is where we have the issue with the escape windows and also the code compliant stairs for the second means of egress. Please let us know what the status is for this address. If you could reply back to all that would be helpful. I am retiring from the office and Captain Petruccelli is now in charge of the office and FF Messinger is assigned here also. Thanks Jon and look forward to hearing from you soon.

John

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John: Please see attached letter regarding response and plan of action for 97 and 96 Lincoln Street. A hard copy is in the mail. If I should be sending it to someone else, please let me know. At your suggestion, I contacted Deb Andrews of the City's Historic Preservation Board regarding the fire door issue. Her letter is attached. As you can see, she feels strongly that the fire door requirement should be waived by the Fire Department due to the historic nature of these buildings and she totally supports such a waiver.

As you can see from my letter, there are contractors working on these buildings right now (as in today) to fix the fire escape at 97 Lincoln and work on the other issues outlined in the letter.

Thank you for your assistance. It is greatly appreciated.

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From: John Martell [mailto:martellj@portlandmaine.gov]
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Jon,

Here are the files that I have which we just discussed on the phone. I will have copies of the other items for you to pick up here at the office.

John

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John: Here is the letter.

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