

Christina Stacey - Re: Fwd: a fast track permit

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Date: 9/18/2015 10:22 AM
Subject: Re: Fwd: a fast track permit

Hello, and thank you -- I knew the office was busy and understaffed, but I had to ask.

The footage from the edge of the yard/street to the steps is about 36-37 feet.

In front, the structure will have the same footprint as the existing one except for the longer bottom platform (rather than a step) to extend parallel along the front.

The deck footprint does not extend any further toward the property line than what is there now. As shown on the diagram, the back would extend out to that same line as the side stoop and then join it. The distance from the building to the property edge is 16', less the approx. 4' for the existing stoop. I don't know what setback is required.

Does this help? I can't find the doc with the R3 setback info., but all the existing structures were approved (I assume) at some point a few years ago.

I had several exchanges with planning staff and was directed to various documents. One lengthy document, which of course, I can't locate now, says to measure from the center of the road. I had a city planner friend go over it with me.

The shed measures 12x16'.

– Dawn

On Fri, Sep 18, 2015 at 9:05 AM, Christina Stacey <cstacey@portlandmaine.gov> wrote:

Hi Dawn,

I am in the process of reviewing your permit. Firstly, I would like to apologize for the delay in review. Due to staff changes here there has been a large backlog of permits (regular and fast track) which we are trying to deal with as quickly as possible.

Second, I have a question about your plot plan. The plot plan shows the front setbacks measured to the center of the road, but under the ordinance we actually measure front setbacks to the front property line (which is often set back from the edge of the pavement/sidewalks some distance). Based on an air photo, it looks like the setback to the existing stoop is about 25'. Would you please confirm and let me know what the setback is from the front property line to the existing stoop, and also what the setback to the expanded stoop/deck will be? In the R-3 zone, a 25-foot setback to the new structure will be required.

Likewise, would you let me know the existing and proposed setbacks along the side property line for the existing side stoop and new back/side deck expansion?

Finally, would you please provide the approximate dimensions of the shed that is on the property?

Thank you,

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Hi, this person has a fast track that has been in since 8/17.

>>> D Leland <lelanddm@gmail.com> 9/15/2015 3:05 PM >>>

Hello,

Again I checked the status of a fast-track permit application for 119 Bancroft St. (submitted 8/17) to see that nothing has changed. I've emailed a couple times asking how I can find out anything and have had no response. I'll think I'll check in at the office tomorrow.

Any thoughts on where this stands and when it would be approved?

Is it perhaps mistakenly not in the process for "fast track" but instead in with the regular run of requests?

Thanks so much!

- Dawn