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Department of Permitting and Inspections
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Gentlepeople:

I am writing to request a building permit and certificate of appropriateness for work we'd like to do at 1832 Congress St this summer. We would like to replace gutters across the front of the house, and repair the significantly deteriorated front porch. The house is a cape-style non-contributing structure in the Stroudwater Historic District, so both the porch and gutters work need a certificate of appropriateness. The gutters don't require a building permit, but I include them here in hopes that all the work on the front of the house can be covered in a single review of appropriatness.

Attached is a Residential Addition And Alterations Permit Application and supporting documentation. The documents attached are:

- residentialAdditionAndAlterationsPermitApplication.PDF
- frontPorchPlan.pdf
- treadRiserElevation.pdf
- frontPorchDetail.pdf
- porchMaterialsList.txt

As you will see in the tread and riser elevation drawing, the existing steps were framed with an 8” rise. I hope that the current standard maximum rise of 7 3/4” can be waived for this project, rather than require that the porch and steps be re-framed. I have not included a drawing of the current framing because it is covered. I can provide documentation once I have permission to begin work, or alternatively, once the framing is exposed a site visit or inspection can be arranged to see whether it needs any changes.

Please also note that the guard rail height specified in the porch detail drawing is 34”. This is per the recommendation of Rob Wiener as in keeping with the scale of the house. He will provide a waiver of the standard 42” height if necessary.

In addition, these additional attachments are provided in support of the required Historic Preservation review:

- houseFrontView.JPG
- porchAndStepsView.JPG
- postCapExample.JPG

The porch detail drawing is consistent with the conversation with Rob Wiener during a May 5th site visit. The intent is essentially to recreate what is currently in place. With regard to the gutters, at a minimum they will be continuous 5” K-style gutters, but I will contact Rich Exterior Solutions to see if they have any more 'architectural' options that we can afford. In any event, the gutters will be painted to match the house.

Thank you for your help with this project, and please let me know what additional information you need. I will pay the necessary fees as soon as I receive confirmation of what they are.

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Sincerely,

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