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125 Sherwood St.
Permit # 2014-00845

Dear City of Portland planning board,

I am writing in regards to the construction going on at 125 Sherwood St. Permit # is 2014-00845.

During the construction we have noticed a few alternatives to a second costly gable for the back stairwell. We have presented these alternatives to 3 inspectors and all three said they could be viable options they just need to be submitted so an addendum to the original work order could be made. First off the dormer for the front entrance is coming along and almost complete. The stairwell is huge and meets or exceeds current code allowing more than enough room for entry. The next area to be tackled is the rear egress. Here are two options which would be much preferred over the architectural drawings for many reasons.

1. Instead of raising the roof and inserting a dormer to provide adequate height for a fire door we would install a door at the bottom of the stairwell and leave the existing door as open space. The open space is 33" w x 80" h. There is a slant in the opening, but since there wouldn't be a door it would actually be a bigger opening than if a gable was installed and a door put in. This option is considered the best by the construction workers and homeowner and much preferred. A couple pictures have been provided. Picture 1 demonstrates the opening where the previous door existed and would be left open. Picture 2 is at the bottom of the staircase where the new door would be installed.
2. The second option would be to install a metal fire escape out of the bedroom window as to be a second fire escape if necessary. This option is much preferred over a second dormer but much less viable than option 1.

I currently have the last inspectors information at my house but not with me at work I will call on Monday 9-21-14 with that information as he was shown the ideas first hand and gave positive feedback.

Thank you for your time,

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