

Anthony,Lea

From: Edwin Gregory <juniperson@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 24, 2021 11:06 AM
To: Anthony,Lea
Subject: 66 Duke St

Dear Ms. Anthony,

I observed, with dismay, vinyl siding on the west facade at 66 Duke St.

This appearance represents an affront to all property owners who have faithfully maintained their painted, wooden homes in the Hill & Harbor Historic District.

Please deny this application for the following reasons:

1. This structure, though not antique, was designed to coexist with the surrounding historic buildings.

In this setting, the quality of architectural detail and exterior materials matter.

Vinyl cladding (and associated trim detail) fails that aesthetic standard and is therefore rendered incompatible with neighboring, historic, wooden facades.

2. To allow vinyl siding would set a precedent, inviting similar requests and over time fosters a degraded historic environment.

3. The original wooden clapboard appears to have a moisture problem. If so, a layer of vinyl siding will not address the underlying issue and may actually cause future problems for the structure: (encapsulating rot & mold).

Please do the Historic District and the property owner a big favor by ordering the removal of this partially installed siding. In return, offer direction to mitigate the source of the peeling paint.

The building and the neighborhood will thank you,

Sincerely, Ed Gregory.

Please convey this letter to the HDC Board for consideration.