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APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE

- The undersigned hereby applies to the Cambridge Historical Commission for a Certificate of (check one box): Appropriateness, Nonapplicability, or Hardship, in accordance with Chapter 40C of the Massachusetts General Laws and/or Chapter 2.78 of the Municipal Code.
- Address of property: 7 LONGFELLOW PARK, Cambridge, Massachusetts
- Describe the proposed alteration(s), construction or demolition in the space provided below:
(An additional page can be attached, if necessary).

THE OWNER PROPOSES TO ADD A 6'-6" WIDE SLEET DORMER TO THE NORTH SIDE OF THE REAR ELL OF THE HOUSE AT 7 LONGFELLOW PARK. THIS DORMER WILL PROVIDE CRUCIAL HEADROOM AT THE TOP (2ND FLOOR) OF THE REAR HALL, WHICH LEADS TO BOTH THE NORTH BEDROOM AND TWO BEDROOMS IN THE REAR ELL. IT IS PLANNED WITH A MANTLING SULLO EXTENSION SURFACE, A WELDED/SOLDERED SEAM NAILON FLEX COPPER ROOF, AND 2 DOUBLE HUNG WINDOWS. THE DORMER FOR VARIOUS REASONS DOES NOT REQUIRE ZONING RELIEF. THE WINDOWS WILL BE ANDERSON A. SERIES WOOD WINDOWS, 6 OVER 6, WITH EXTERIOR CASINGS

to suit to match existing.

I certify that the information contained herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. The undersigned also attests that he/she has read the statements printed on the reverse.

Name of Property Owner of Record: DOREEN BEINART
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 Signature of Property Owner of Record: [Signature]
 (Required field; the application will not be considered complete without the property owner's signature)
 Name of proponent, if not record owner: MAGGIE PHOZ, SMART ARCHITECTURE
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(for office use only):
 Date Application Received: _____ Case Number: 4818 Hearing Date: 7/7/22
 Type of Certificate Issued: _____ Date Issued: _____

Cambridge Historical Commission
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Members of the Commission,

My husband and I (and our many oft-visiting children and grandchildren) live at 7 Longfellow Park in Cambridge. On July 7th you will hear the request we are making to add a very small shed dormer to the north slope of the "connector" between the original volume of my house and an original shed/barn that long ago was converted into living space.

We have designed this dormer carefully and minimally to make insignificant impact to the historic house we live in and shepherd. We are matching exterior surfaces and putting a good and high-quality copper roof on it for durability, historic authenticity, and the off-chance that someone may be able to view it.

But our impetus for applying for permission to add this dormer is driven by pure necessity. Being ancient and historic, our house has a spiral central stair built 200 or so years ago that is beyond treacherous. But to reach the second floor there is also an entirely conventional and safe second stair in the rear ell. Unfortunately, at the top of this stair one finds a 5'-8" headroom condition. Even if my husband weren't 6'-3 and 95-years-old, for almost everyone the low ceiling and clipped doorway into the second floor bedrooms of the main house volume is dangerous to say the least. While navigating the low ceiling and odd doorway, one also is climbing two risers to reach the bedroom. The crushed plaster ceiling pictured in the attached photograph is evidence of many a bumped head.

I was, some years ago, contemplating the addition of an elevator in the rear ell of the house to allow my elderly husband to move from floor to floor. In the case of the elevator we would have been making a request for some sort of shed head-house. But my husband has remained mobile, happily, and now the really dangerous height problem has revealed itself to be hazardous not just to him but to anyone who ever lives here. The condition was caused by an inadequately conceived connection between the primary house and the converted utility building long ago. We are looking, with this simple little dormer, to correct a never-appropriate condition.

I so appreciate the work of the Commission, and applaud the preservation work you do of Cambridge architecture. I know that you recognize that sometimes buildings must change because of the pragmatics of life and physics. I do hope that you'll see that we are making every attempt at the lightest of touches to solve a grave (pardon the vague pun) problem.

Thank you so much,

Doreen Beinart
7 Longfellow Park

Burks, Sarah

From: Margaret Booz <maggie@smartarchitecture.net>
Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 3:05 PM
To: Sullivan, Charles M.; Burks, Sarah
Cc: Doreen Beinart; Gary Moffie
Subject: Letter and photos pertaining to 7 Longfellow Park
Attachments: Cambridge Historical Commission.pdf

Hello Cambridge Historical Commission,

Please find attached a letter sent from my client, Doreen Beinart, to you, and some photos showing interior conditions at 7 Longfellow Park. We look forward to presenting you on July 7th, and please send a link to Doreen as well for the hearing.

Thank you,

Maggie Booz

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