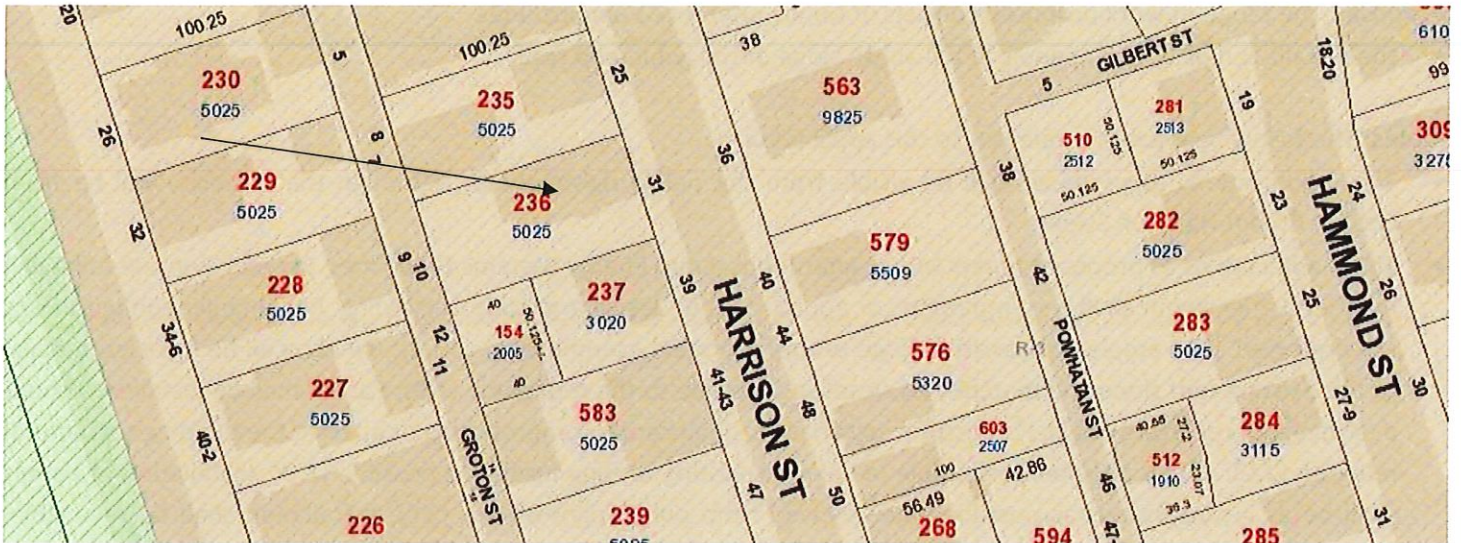
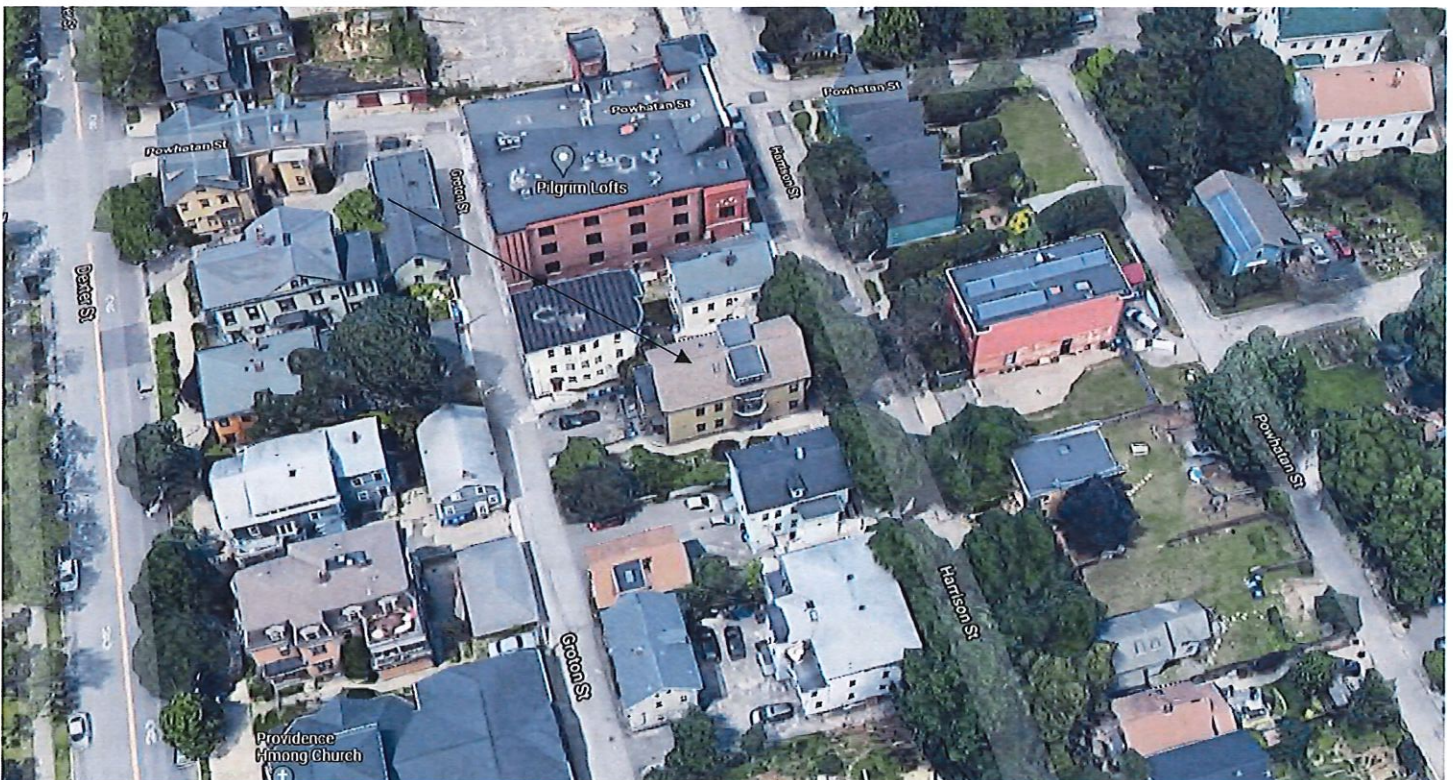


6. CASE 21.126, 31 HARRISON STREET, House, 1860s (ARMORY)

2½-story; end-gable; typical house; with bracketed cornice, 2-story bay and sidehall entry hood.
CONTRIBUTING



Arrow indicates 31 Harrison Street



Arrow indicates project location, looking north.

Applicant/Contractor: Jarad Asselin, SolPower Solar, 155 Williams Street, Providence, RI 02906

Owner: Seth Zeren, 31 Harrison Street, Providence, RI 02909

Proposal: The scope of work proposed consists of Minor Alterations and includes

- the installation of 19 solar panels to the south slope of the gable-end roof.

Issues: The following issues are relevant to this application:

- The modifications as proposed will be visible from the public rights-of-way, although that visibility will be from Groton Ct, not Harrison Street;
- The modifications as proposed meets Minor Alterations: Solar Energy Systems Guidelines, Section 2, in the following manner: Panel layout shall be sympathetic or appropriate to design and scale of building. Rectangular configurations are preferred, with ample setback from edge of roof, dormers, chimneys, etc. (2.A); Panels shall be installed parallel to the existing roof slope and matched as closely as possible to the roof plane (2.B); Panels shall be installed without destroying or replacing original or historic materials or significantly compromising or altering the building's structural integrity (2.C); Panels shall be compatible in color to existing roofing insofar as possible (2.D); Installation of panels shall be as inconspicuous as possible when viewed from public right-of-way (2.E); Installation shall be reversible. Panels shall be removed when no longer viable or functioning and roofing restored to pre-existing conditions (2.F); and,
- Plans, specifications and pictures have been submitted.

Recommendations: The staff recommends the PHDC make the following findings of fact:

- a) 31 Harrison Street is a structure of historical and architectural significance that contributes to the significance of the Armory local historic district, having been recognized as a contributing structure to the Broadway/Armory National Register Historic District;
- b) The modifications as proposed meets Minor Alterations: Solar Energy Systems Guidelines, Section 2, and the application is considered complete; and,
- c) The work as proposed is in accord with PHDC Standards 8 & 9 as follows: 8) the work will be done so that it does not destroy the historic character of the property or the district; and, 9) Whenever possible... alterations to structures shall be done in such a manner that if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the structure and the site will be unimpaired.

Staff recommends a motion be made stating that: The application is considered complete. 31 Harrison Street is a structure of historical and architectural significance that contributes to the significance of the Armory local historic district, having been recognized as a contributing structure to the Broadway/Armory National Register Historic District. The Commission grants Final Approval of the proposal as submitted as the proposed alteration is appropriate having determined that the proposed alteration does not destroy the historic character of the property or the district and are historically and architecturally compatible with the property and district as the proposed alteration meets Minor Alterations: Solar Energy Systems Guidelines, Section 2, is reversible and will not have an adverse effect on the property or district, and the recommendations in the staff report, with staff to review any additional required details.