4. CASE 24.032, 9 HAMMOND STREET, House, c1880 (ARMORY)

2½-story; end-gable; vinyl-sided, double house; with two-story bay and double side-hall entry under bracketed hood. CONTRIBUTING



Arrow indicates 9 Hammond Street.



Arrow indicates project location, looking north.

PHDC Staff Report March 25, 2024

Applicant/Owner: Sara J Majka, 9 Hammond Street, Providence, RI 02909 Contractor (solar): NEC Solar, 121 Broadcommon Road, Bristol, RI 02809

Contractor (skylights): Pride Exterior Group, 11 Robert Toner Blvd, North Attleboro, MA 02763

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

• the installation of 14 solar panels (Minor) and two skylights (Major) on the south slope of the gable-end roof (as part of this project the roof is being replaced with a charcoal black roof).

Issues: The following issues are relevant to this application:

- The application as submitted will be minimally from the public rights-of-way;
- The two proposed skylights are Velux units (21" x 45%") would be located west of the chimney and east of the proposed solar array;
- 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) 9 Hammond Street is a structure of historical and architectural significance that contribute to the significance of the Broadway local historic district, having been recognized as a contributing structure to the Broadway/Armory National Register Historic District;
- The modifications as proposed meets Minor Alterations: Solar Energy Systems Guidelines, Section 2, and the application is considered complete; and,
- 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 as they are not on the primary elevation and will be minimally visible from the public rights-of-way; 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. 9 Hammond Street is a structure of historical and architectural significance that contribute to the significance of the Broadway 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 alterations are 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. 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 as they are not on the primary elevation and will be minimally visible from the public rights-of-way (Standards 8 & 9), and the recommendations in the staff report, with staff to review any additional required details.





