

## CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

Date: February 6, 2019

CASE #: COA2019-008

On February 6, 2019, the Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission approved the issuance of this Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) on the application for the following work at the vacant lot located 821 South Church Street in the Old Salem Historic District.

- **After-the-Fact soil moving to address a water issue**

Approval of this item granted **subject to the following conditions**:

- 1) The applicant shall receive, prior to commencement of the work, all other required permits or permissions from governmental agencies;
- 2) Commission staff shall review and approve any revisions or deviations to any portion of the as-submitted work, that qualifies as a minor work, prior to commencement of that portion of the project; and
- 3) The applicant shall submit the *Certificate of Appropriateness Request for Certification of Completed Work* and photo documentation of the completed project to HRC staff within ten (10) days of its completion.



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Kevin Owen, Chairman  
Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission

*The scope of work for this project must meet all other applicable building codes and ordinances. Any additional approvals or permits from the City must be obtained prior to initiating work.*

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ORDER )  
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 ) CASE NUMBER COA2019-008

On February 6, 2019, the Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission (“Commission”) conducted, in the above referenced matter, a public hearing in accordance with the statutes and case law pertaining to quasi-judicial proceedings for the issuance of certificates of appropriateness. During the hearing, Michelle M. McCullough, Historic Resources Officer, presented the staff report, findings, and recommendation. James W. Lester, applicant, and Harris B. Gupton, P.E., appeared to present testimony and evidence in support of the application. No one appeared to present testimony and evidence in opposition to the application.

After presentation of all testimony and evidence, the Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission, based upon the evidence presented in the application and during the hearing, finds that the proposed project is not incongruous with the character of the Old Salem Historic District because:

- 1) The proposed solution to correct a drainage issue that is causing water damage to the Anna Johanna Vogler house is compatible with the District. The ground cover will be returned to grass after the site at 821 South Church Street is graded in a downward slope extending approximately eight feet away from the house with a gradual drop of six inches. At the end of the eight feet, there will be a gradual grading up towards the current surface level of the adjacent lot, creating a gentle swale that will direct water from the adjacent lot to the very rear of the this lot. The grading does not adversely affect the character of the adjacent Landmark or District and it will retain and preserve the relationship between structures and significant landscape features of the District setting, site topography, retaining walls, fences, foundation plantings, streets, walkways and driveways. (*Significant Landscape Features*, Old Salem Guideline 2)

Based on the preceding findings, the Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission hereby approves COA2019-008 at 821 South Church Street in the Old Salem Historic District (PIN#: 6835-32-4150.00), with the following conditions:

- 1) The applicant shall receive, prior to commencement of the work, all other required permits or permissions from governmental agencies;
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This the seventh day of February, 2019.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "KEVIN G. OWEN". The letters are bold and somewhat stylized, with some horizontal lines through the letters.

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Kevin G. Owen, Chair  
Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission