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FORSYTH COUNTY)

FORSYTH COUNTY HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION

ORDER )  
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CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

CASE NUMBER COA2019-086

On September 4, 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 McCullough, Historic Resources Officer, presented the staff report, findings, and recommendation. Hayes Wauford, on behalf of Wilson-Covington Construction Company, applicant and owner, 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 that the Grading Work, Installation of PVC Downspouts and Installation of Brick Paver Patio and Walkway is not incongruous with the character of the Old Salem Historic District because:

- 1) The grading at the rear of the property will not adversely affect the character of the property or District. The grading proposed will allow for positive drainage away from the rear door of the house without the installation of additional drains. The site was examined in 2014 by an Old Salem archaeologist and the grading will be completed in a manner that will not disturb any known archaeological sites on the property. (*Significant Landscape Features, Old Salem Guidelines 1 and 2 and New Construction Principal Structures, Old Salem Guideline Archaeology 1*)
- 2) The installation of PVC downspouts at the rear of the property are appropriate with the property and District. The copper downspouts and existing gutter system is being retained. The PVC downspout leaders extend from the copper downspouts to daylight at an appropriate fall below grade and were installed at the rear of the property in locations necessary to deal with water intrusion issues. The PVC pipes are below grade and will be covered with dirt and grass. The pipes were located so that they do not encroach on any unexcavated areas of the site. (*Gutters, Old Salem Guidelines 1 and 3 and New Construction Principal Structures, Old Salem Guideline Archaeology 1*)
- 3) The new brick patio and walkway are compatible with the property and the District. The new patio and walkway are made of brick and are compatible in location, pattern, spacing, configuration, dimension, scale, texture, and material with the character of the structure and the District. (*Walkways and Steps, Old Salem Guideline 3*)

It is further found that that the installation of a Timber Retaining Wall is incongruous with the character of the Old Salem Historic District because:

- 4) The new retaining wall is compatible with the property and District in regard to location, size, and scale. However, the list of appropriate materials for walls is limited to stone and brick. The new retaining wall is made of wood timbers constructed to retain the higher elevations of the site to the north and west of the patio area. The wood timbers are 6"x6" rough sawn oak timbers, and the wall is 46" in height. The retaining wall was constructed to avoid any known archeological sites on the property. (*Walls*, Old Salem Guideline 4)

Based on the preceding findings, the Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission hereby denies COA2019-062 as it pertains to the Timber Retaining Wall, and approves COA2019-062 as it pertains to the Grading Work, Installation of PVC Downspouts, and Installation of Brick Paver Patio and Walkway, both at the Salt Flax House, located at 508 Salt Street, within the Old Salem Historic District (PIN# 6835-23-6400), with the following conditions:

- 1) The applicant/owner shall submit an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the Retaining Wall for consideration at the Commission's January 2, 2020 meeting, with a submission deadline of December 11, 2019;
- 2) The applicant shall receive, prior to commencement of the work, all other required permits or permissions from governmental agencies;
- 3) 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
- 4) The applicant shall submit the Certificate of Appropriateness Request for Certification of Completed Work form and photo documentation of the completed project to HRC staff within ten (10) days of its completion.

This the fifth day of September, 2019.

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Kevin G. Owen, Chair  
Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission

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Date: September 4, 2019

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On September 4, 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 Salt Flax House, located at 508 Salt Street in the Old Salem Historic District.

- After-the-fact grading work, installation of PVC downspouts, and installation of brick paver patio and walkway

This COA runs with the property upon which the work is to be performed. The COA does not serve in any manner as a certification by the HRC or the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Planning Division that the applicant or anyone else has the authority to be on the subject property to perform the approved work. You should perform your own due diligence to confirm whether you have the legal authority to be on the property to perform the approved work.

The COA expires September 4, 2022.

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Kevin Owen, Chair  
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.*