



Hightstown Historic Preservation Commission

Opinion 2014-1

Owner
169 Rogers Avenue
Hightstown, NJ 08520

Dear Owner,

We have been contacted by the Hightstown Construction Official regarding the intended demolition of your garage. The garage is behind your house at 169 Rogers Avenue and accessible off of South Academy Street. The email from the construction official is as follows:

"A police notice was issued to the garage at 169 Rogers Ave. Upon inspection, the structure was deemed unsafe due to the roof collapsing in. The owner has chosen to demolish the garage. As per Ordinance 12-3-6B, the garage can be demolished in a health threatening situation without having to file for a demolition permit.

You are being notified now in case you wish to photograph or record the garage before it is demolished. For your safety, please stay out of the garage.

*Please let me know if you want to photograph or record the garage and I will notify the owner.
Thank you, George Chin"*

This directive was discussed at our January 16, 2014 meeting with the following commissioners: Pratt, Cardoso, Carney, Egan, Teller and von Riegen. Our opinion is that this work, although unfortunate, is necessary for public safety, and that this garage is not a key contributing element of the historic district. We have taken pictures of the garage, which will be forwarded to the Hightstown-East Windsor Historical Society for their files.

Sincerely,

Rick Pratt
Chairman - HHPC

cc:

HHPC
George Chin – Hightstown Building Department