



Hightstown Historic Preservation Commission

Opinion 2014-2

Ed Kelley
First United Methodist Church of Hightstown
Stockton Street
Hightstown, NJ 08520

Dear Ed,

Upon reviewing your revised design for the addition to the west wide of the church for a handicap lift and stairs, the commission approves the work. Below, please find a brief synopsis of the process, and attached please find a view of the initial and the approved schemes:

We received the First Opinion request from the First United Methodist Church of Hightstown through you to review a proposed addition to the west side of the church. The addition will be visible from Stockton Street facing the front of the church and coming into town from the west. We first met with you and the church's architect, Michael Westfield on 20 February 2014, to review the shed roofed scheme (attached, p.2). The commission had several minor comments relative to the Secretary of the Interior Standards such as making it obvious that it is an addition, and connecting to the historic structure in a manner that can be undone without physical detriment. The commission felt that the shed roofed addition was in contrary with the Secretary of the Interior Standards, in that it did not relate to the volumetric characteristics of the existing building.

The "second" Revised Opinion request was made on 15 May 2014 (see attached p.3), addressed all of the commissions' comments. Also the church's architect removed the glass entry canopy in the rear which was too "modern." The revised roof shape is gabled with a shallow shed roof in the rear, which will extend to act as a canopy. The stone will match the existing church as best as possible. The arch windows are salvaged from the original church.

As the church is aware they must also submit their proposed design to Glenn Ceponis, Principal Historic Preservation Specialist at the New Jersey Historic Trust, as the church received public money for the restoration of the church.

Sincerely,

Rick Pratt, AIA
Chairman - HHPC

cc:

Glenn Ceponis, New Jersey Historic Trust
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First Opinion Request, (Shed Roofed Scheme) – NOT APPROVED



Revised Opinion Request, (Gable Roofed / Shed Roofed Scheme) – APPROVED

