



## Hightstown Historic Preservation Commission



### Opinion 2010-2

Steve Misiura, Chairman  
Hightstown Planning Board of Commissioners

Re: Demolition of  
224 and 232 South Academy Street  
Hightstown, NJ 08520

Dear Mr. Misiura,

Thank you for contacting the Hightstown Historic Preservation Commission, (HHPC) regarding the demolition of two houses on South Academy Street, #'s 224 and 232, as well as the garage structure adjacent to 224. While these houses are not within the Stockton Street Historic District, we appreciate the opportunity to weigh in on their fate. These houses have been boarded up for several years, and as far as our records indicate, they do not hold any historic value within the Borough. We waive our right to document them before demolition.

In the interest of the Planning Board meeting being just a week from now, we are treating this submission as a "routine" change under Subsection 2-45.6, paragraph E-3-e in the Borough Code.

This opinion has been corroborated by Commissioners Jane Cox and Kathy Patten, via email as follows:

- a. Kathy Patten, "I can't think of a single reason, [not to demolish the houses.]"
- b. Jane Cox, Vice Chair, "Yes, [take them] down."

Sincerely,

Richard Harlan Pratt, AIA  
Chairman - HHPC

cc:

HHPC  
George Chin – Hightstown Building Department