



Hightstown Historic Preservation Commission



Opinion 2010-3

Steve Misiura, Chairman
Hightstown Planning Board of Commissioners

Re: Demolition of
565 South Main Street
Hightstown, NJ 08520

Dear Mr. Misiura,

Thank you for contacting the Hightstown Historic Preservation Commission, (HHPC) regarding the demolition of 565 South Main Street. At 10am today, I met with the owner, Gary Fleischhauer and HPC Commissioner Julie Ely. We walked through the house and took pictures both inside and out. There was next to no historic aspects remaining in the house worth measuring or salvaging.

All of the walls and ceilings had previously either been covered with drywall, or the plaster removed and drywall attached directly to the studs. Some walls were entirely new studs. Downstairs, the original floor boards had all been removed and plywood in their place. Upstairs, the floors were all covered with carpeting. Where floor boards were visible upstairs, it was relatively new material. There was no fireplace or mantel or old woodwork or trim anywhere. The stair treads and a few balusters remained, but the newel posts and railings had all been replaced with new.

The HHPC hereby clears this house for demolition.

This opinion has been corroborated by Commissioner Julie Ely.

Sincerely,

Richard Harlan Pratt, AIA
Chairman - HHPC

cc:

HHPC
George Chin – Hightstown Building Department