

361 Woodland Avenue
Aylesford Historic District

Marci Fritts-Newbury, Owner

Scope of Work
Refresh gravel

Background

At this time the new owner is requesting that the Board grant a Certificate of Appropriateness to:

- 1. Refresh gravel.

During a routine site inspection, staff noticed that this single family structure had received new gravel in the driveway and the area in front of the existing garage. Staff notified the owners that a COA is necessary to conduct this work. After talking with the applicants they are unaware that it was necessary to obtain a COA. They explained that they were installing Class I gravel and were intending to contain the gravel with brick edging. The refreshing of the gravel occurred only in areas where the gravel. They have no intentions to expand the graveled areas.

At the August 17, 2004 BOAR meeting, the applicants were granted a COA to construct a garage. Staff reviewed the plan from that time with the existing conditions and no changes have occurred..

Guidelines

III. GUIDELINES FOR SITE AND SETTING

In addition to buildings, elements of the surrounding site and setting contribute to the character of historic properties. These elements include both natural and manmade features such as trees, fields, gardens, fences, driveways, retaining walls and boundary definers. Historic site elements help to define a property’s historic character and appearance. Historic site and setting features should be preserved and maintained.

5. Driveways and Parking Lots

DESIGN PRINCIPLE: Significant driveway materials such as brick, concrete and asphalt should be preserved and maintained. New driveway or parking lot surfaces should be of a material appropriate to the site and the historic district. Paving and parking should not be visually dominant. Parking areas should not be sited in front yards but at side or rear locations, as appropriate.

Driveways and Parking Lots:

- A. should be maintained.
- B. should have their parking areas located in rear yards and be screened with hedges, shrubs or fences as appropriate. Driveways should include concrete tracks where characteristic of the property and historic districts.
- H. shall have appropriate retention elements to retain gravel and retard expansion.

Guidelines cont'd

6. LANDSCAPE, LAND FEATURES, LAND FORMATIONS, VIEWSHEDS
AND ARCHAEOLOGY

DESIGN PRINCIPLE: Landscape, land features, land formations, view sheds and archaeology define many site elements in historic areas throughout Fayette County. These elements include resources above and below the ground surface. As a result, landscape and land features are more difficult to define than built features and elements. Landscape and land features can be either man-made or natural. These features include, but are not limited to: trees and shrubs, decorative gardens, utilitarian (functional) gardens, fields, documented historic topography, archaeological and cultural resources and other land features and land formations.

Landscape, Land Features, Land Formations, Viewsheds and Archaeology:

- A. that are significant should be preserved and maintained.
- B. that are altered or introduced should be compatible to the site and with surrounding properties.
- C. should not be visually dominant, intrusive or suggest a false sense of history.

Findings

Staff finds the refreshing of paving parking area in accordance with the Guidelines. The parking is not visually dominant (Guideline III-5-B). Guideline III 5 H states, "Driveways and Parking lots shall have appropriate retention elements to retain gravel and retard expansion."

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval as submitted with the condition:

- 1. Any changes in barrier material come back to staff for review.

Deadline for Board Action

October 1, 2016