HDC

ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVALS

January 2nd, 2019

1. 442 Middle Street (HVAC) - Recommend Approval
2. 24 Johnson Court (rear deck) - Recommend Approval
3. 129 Market Street - Recommend Approval
4. 501 Islington Street (penthouse) - TBD
5. 177 State Street (elevator door) - Recommend Approval
1. 442 Middle Street (HVAC) - Recommend Approval

**Background:** The applicant is requesting administrative approval to add a condensing unit behind the existing structure (under the existing deck) and run the conduit from the basement to the attic level of the building.

**Staff Comment:** Provided the conduit is painted to match the siding it will not be visible from any public way.
Application for Approval – Administrative Approval

Historic District Commission

Owner: M. Swartz

Applicant (if different): J. Poussard

Address: 442 Middle Street

Address: 

Portsmouth, NH 03801

(City, State, Zip)

(City, State, Zip)

Phone: 

Phone: 

Location of Structure: Map 135 / Lot 44

Street Address: 442 Middle Street

Building Permit #: 34385

To permit the following (please include photos of the existing conditions and clear description of the proposed work):

To add a ducted air handler and running the conduit on the exterior of the rear wall from the attic to the basement.

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If approved, please note that:

Any and all changes or modifications in the design as approved shall require further review and approval.

Revised: 11 April 17
442 Middle ST
(Back of Home)

Routing lines from Attic to basement.
2. 24 Johnson Court (rear deck) - Recommend Approval

**Background:** The applicant is requesting administrative approval to change the wood decking and railing system on the rear deck to a composite material.

**Staff Comment:** The deck will not be visible from any public way.
Application for Approval - Administrative

Historic District Commission

Owner: SEAN + LINA TRACEY
Address: 24 JOHNSON COURT
          PORTSMOUTH, NH 03801
Phone: (603) 436-3219

Applicant (if different):
Address: ____________________________
(Street) ____________________________
(City, State, Zip)
Phone: ____________________________
(City, State, Zip)

Signature: ____________________________

Date: 12/18/18
Received: DEC. 18 2018

Location of Structure: Map 02 Lot 0600
Building Permit #: 35321
Street Address: 24 JOHNSON COURT

To permit the following:
Change of material on rear decks - flooring and railing.

Action Taken by H.D.C. at Public Meeting

Date of Approval:
Recommendation:
Stipulations:

Signature of Principal Planner:

Administrative Use Only:
Date of Meeting: 1-2-19
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If approved, please acknowledge below:

I hereby acknowledge that all changes or variation in the design as presented shall require further Historic District Commission approval.

Owner

Revised: 11 April 17
Hi Nicholas,

As you requested I have completed the attached HDC Application for Approval - Administrative form, and included spec sheets and code info and photos on the proposed materials.

I was hoping to come over to City Hall today and meet you and go over this document / application in person, but your vmail said you’re out till Dec. 27th. So, I’m attaching it here in its entirety and will drop or mail a hard copy to City Hall too.

Please let me know in time before the Jan. 2nd HDC meeting that you have everything you need to submit this application. Please feel free to drop pages or photos, etc, if you think all the code info or anything else is too much (overkill) for this purpose.

FYI. We’re also now submitting a request to approve the replacement of the railing system on the upper deck (change from wood to PVC) because on further inspection by the builder and I we see that it’s rotted too.

I would appreciate if you contacted me ASAP to let me know that you have what you need from me.

Sincerely,
Sean Tracey

Sean Tracey
email: sean@seantracey.com
Sunday, December 16, 2018

Nicholas Cracknell, Principal Planner
Portsmouth City Planning /HDC
1 Junkins Ave
Portsmouth, NH 03801, State Zip

Dear Mr Cracknell and HDC Committee,

Situation:

We have two decks on the back our our house. One is 1st floor level, the other a small deck on the 2nd floor. Please note that both decks are not at all visible to any street traffic or walkers on Johnson Court or South Street (see panoramic photo depicting the hidden nature of our decks). Also, neither of them are historic in any way. One was first added in 2003 by the previous owner. The other in 2008 by us during a renovation. They are currently built of pressure-treated wood and we would like to request a material change and use a PVC product (see below).

Concerning the upper 2nd story deck, there seems to be a problem with the rubber bladder under the deck, in that is is not shedding water correctly toward the outside, but instead toward the house. It needs to be fixed and replaced ASAP, as more damage is happening now with every rain or snow, and winter is approaching. You can now punch thru the pressure treated decking if you attempted to walk on it (a safety issue and so currently the deck is unusable). So, we have no 2nd means of egress on the 2nd floor with this deck damaged. Also, some of our corner boards and clapboards, and 2 windows on the 1st floor under this deck are rotting because of the water constantly coming off the upper deck.

When we do the repairs, we would like to replace this upper deck with a PVC material manufactured by Duralife in Biddeford, Maine (product Specs, Drawings, and Code Compliance info attached). The Duralife product (details at-
tached) is much more attractive, looks like real wood and the design is more accurate to our area's historic design than our existing pressure-treated wood.

We want to use PVC instead of the pressure treated because we know it will be more durable, not rot, and be more attractive than pressure treated now and in the future. This area sees a lot of rainwater shedding off the roof above and extreme heat/sun in the summer, which caused the original pressure treated wood not to last or perform well. Again, this material change will be completely invisible to anyone from the streets, or even from our back yard.

Concerning the 1st floor deck: A portion of our lower (1st floor) deck is sinking into the ground and not level. This pressure treated deck is also cupping, warping and heaving in the changing conditions of the seasons. The uneven nature of the decking boards have caused some guests to trip. Luckily, no falls to date. We would like to replace this deck with the same PVC product so it will match the repair on the 2nd floor.

The existing railings have also rotted on the 2nd floor deck. We've replaced them twice already in 10 years since this deck was constructed, and had to repaint them every other year. It seems that the quality of the wood available locally is not seasoned enough to last. We would like to replace this also with a PVC based railing system also available from Duralife, designed and manufactured in Biddeford, Maine (details attached). This railing will be identical in look from the ground as the railing that is there now. And as mentioned, not visible from any street.

Sincerely yours,

Sean & Lina Tracey
2ND FLOOR DECK ROTTING THRU
1ST FLOOR DECK ROTTEN SPLINTER
Panorama of rear deck showing that it is not visible from any city street—its blocked by neighboring homes.
1. Product Name
DuraLife™ MVP™

2. Manufacturer
Integrity Composites, LLC
dba DuraLife Decking & Railing
8 Morin Street
Biddeford, Maine 04005
Phone: 800-866-8101
Email: info@duralifedecking.com
Web: www.duralifedecking.com

3. Product Description
DuraLife manufactures composite decking and dock systems with outstanding aesthetics, performance, durability and strength. Comprised of durable polypropylene and hardwood fiber, the proven formula and versatility of DuraLife decking outperform both polyethylene composite and PVC decking.

Basic Use
DuraLife MVP is an economical and eco-friendly composite decking with a natural wood appearance designed to complement outdoor spaces. With recycled content and a durable, multi-layered finishing system that resists fading over time, DuraLife MVP is suited for exterior walkways, pathways, decks, balconies and other applications where maximum value is a priority.

DuraLife MVP is suited for commercial and residential new construction and renovation projects.

Types
- Grooved – grooved on each edge
- Starter – Solid on one edge for outer perimeter; grooved on interior edge

Composition and Materials
DuraLife MVP is a co-extruded composite of wood fiber and polypropylene with a propylene capstock. MVP is manufactured without toxic chemicals or preservatives and uses both post-industrial and post-consumer recycled content, up to 90% by weight. Three surfaces are capped.

Colors
Landscape Collection
- Coastal Grey
- Mahogany
- Pebble
- Slate

Hardwoods Collection
- Brazilian Cherry
- Garapa Gray
- Golden Teak
- Tropical Walnut

Sizes
See Table 1.

Benefits
- Provides premium aesthetics at an affordable price
- Resists spills and wear
- No need for annual staining or sealing
- Resists mold and mildew
- Minimizes sagging and flex between joists for improved aesthetics and integrity
- UV inhibitors increase color retention and eliminate graying
- Thermal resistance minimizes expansion and contraction damage
- Protective film adds protection onsite and during delivery
- Wide range of colors and collections increase design options
- Capped for protection from elements
Table 1 - Sizes, Physical Characteristics

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<td>Joist span</td>
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*Custom lengths and colors are available; contact the manufacturer for availability.

Table 2 - Technical Properties

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Options, Accessories
- Fastenator™ hidden fastening clips
- Color-matched deck board end caps
- Color-matched (plus white) fascia and stair riser
- Rockport railing
- Railways railing

4. Technical Data

Applicable Standards

ASTM International
- ASTM A6111 Standard Test Method for Bulk Density And Specific Gravity of Plastic Lumber and Shapes by Displacement
- ASTM D1761 Standard Test Methods for Mechanical Fasteners in Wood
- ASTM D1413 Standard Test Method for Wood Preservatives by Laboratory Soil-Block Cultures

American Wood Protection Association
- AWPA E1-72 Standard Method for Laboratory Evaluation to Determine Resistance to Subterranean Termite

Technical Properties
See Table 2.
Safety Data Sheets
- DuraLife MVP, Integrity Composites Safety Data Sheet

5. Installation
Install these products in accordance with the manufacturer’s written instructions and procedures.

Preparatory Work
Deliver and handle this product according to recommendations of the manufacturer.

Decking should be off-loaded by forklift or by hand. Store decking on a level area on wood supports placed every 3 feet. Store product protected from exposure to harmful environmental conditions and at temperature and humidity conditions within the guidelines recommended by the manufacturer.

DuraLife MVP has a protective film to keep deck boards clean and protected during shipping and storage. Remove factory applied protective film on deck boards within 30 days after installation.

DuraLife decking must be installed with proper drainage and ventilation. Verify site conditions are acceptable for installation. Do not proceed until unacceptable conditions are corrected.

Precautions
DuraLife decking must be installed with proper drainage and ventilation.

Never attach DuraLife decking to any solid surface, watertight membrane, concrete or existing decking.

Ensure that:
- Joists are level across each span, with a slight slant (1/8” (3 mm) for every 8 feet (2.4 m))
- Substructure has at least 2” (51 mm) clearance from grade
- Skirting does not impede airflow under the deck

To avoid accumulation of moisture and humidity where ventilation is minimal or obstructed, flow through or soffit venting must be added around the perimeter of the deck.

Methods
Install vapor retarders in accordance with manufacturer’s instructions.

Complete installation instructions are available online:
- Installation guide: www.duralifedecking.com
- Videos: www.duralifedecking.com/resources/installation

Framing
A picture-frame method is recommended.

DuraLife Starter Board profile is available to provide a clean, finished edge around the perimeter of the deck and on stair treads.

When a picture-frame technique is not employed, color-matched deck board end caps are available to cover the exposed end cuts.

Fastening
Two methods are available:
- Proprietary Fastenator hidden fastening system, used with grooved decking to set a level, uniform 3/16” spacing between deck boards
- Capped composite decking screw fasteners (#10 x 2 3/4”)

Spacing
Around column platforms, always allow the greater of a 1/4” gap or the value from the Table 3 chart.

Environmental Considerations
Temperature range for structural performance is 20-125 degrees F. Ideal installation for Fastenator clips is 40-80 degrees F.

Building Codes
Ensure installation complies with the requirements of all applicable local, state and federal code jurisdictions.
6. Availability and Cost

Availability
DuraLife products are available throughout the United States and internationally through a network of distributors and retailers.

Cost
Cost information for a specific region may be obtained from a local distributor or retailer of DuraLife products.

7. Warranty
Used and installed as directed, DuraLife Decking & Railing offers a 10 year commercial stain, fade and performance warranty against manufacturer defects and a 25 year residential warranty.

8. Maintenance
Sweep periodically and clean spills with soap and water. Only use pressure washers 1500 psi or less with fan tip. Test all cleaning products on an inconspicuous area before using on the entire deck surface.
Additional care and cleaning instructions are available online at www.duralifedecking.com.

9. Technical Services
DuraLife Decking & Railing has experienced teams of professionals who can provide detailed information, product literature, test results, project lists and assistance with project specifications.

For questions about specifications, code regulations, product usage or installation, contact DuraLife Decking & Railing or visit www.duralifedecking.com.

10. Filing Systems
- CMD
- Additional product information is available from the manufacturer upon request
3. 129 Market Street - Recommend Approval

**Background:** The applicant is no longer seeking administrative approval to change the rear door of the building.

**Staff Comment:** No action is required at this time.
4. 501 Islington Street (penthouse) - TBD

**Background:** The applicant is seeking administrative approval to change the cladding on the penthouses from stucco to metal panels. An aluminum railing was also changed to a pressure treated wood railing.

**Staff Comment:** Unsure of the appropriateness of the pressure treated railing - TBD
# Application for Approval - Administrative

## Historic District Commission

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Signature: [Signature]

Location of Structure: Map 157 Lot 60 Street Address: 501 Islington St.

Building Permit #: B3552

To permit the following:

- Stair penthouses up to roof top
- Originally, the penthouses were going to be stucco clad
- it was changed to belex panels
- An aluminum railing was changed to a 1" wood railing

### Action Taken by H.D.C. at Public Meeting

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Signature of Principal Planner: [Signature]

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**If approved, please acknowledge below:**

I hereby acknowledge that all changes or variation in the design as presented shall require further Historic District Commission approval.

Owner

Revised: 11 April 17
View from Islington St.

The substantive differences between the approved plans & what was built are the cladding on the penthouses, the guard rails & windows. The original plans called for stucco to match the existing building, aluminum railings & windows on 4 sides. What was built used azek panels, p.t. railings and 1 window on the primary elevations & a french door out to the deck.
5. 177 State Street (elevator door) - Recommend Approval

**Background:** The applicant is seeking administrative approval to add a door from the elevator overrun to the roof. The proposed door is custom wood painted black. 3 copper wall scones will also be added to the exterior.

**Staff Comment:** This is a high quality renovation. Recommend Approval
Application for Approval - Administrative

Historic District Commission

Owner: Robert J
Address: 8215 Reverb Road
Street: Richmond, Va 23227
Phone: 603-930-0274

Applicant (if different):
Address: 
Street:
(City, State, Zip)
Phone: 

Signature:

Location of Structure: Map 107 Lot 44
Street Address: 177 State Street

Building Permit:

To permit the following: Add elevator door access to roof deck

Action Taken by H.D.C. at Public Meeting

Date of Approval:
Recommendation:
Stipulations:

Signature of Principal Planner:

If approved, please acknowledge below:
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Owner

Revised: 11 April 17
City of Portsmouth
Planning & Inspection Departments
1 Junkins Ave
Portsmouth, NH 03801
Phone: 603-610-7216

Paid By:
McHenry Architecture
177 State Street-HDC App. Fee

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177 STATE STREET

Historic District Commission Administrative Approval - January 2019, Portsmouth, New Hampshire

General Project Description:

1. The project was previously approved at the October 2017 and December 2017 Public Hearings.
   - October 2017 Approval - Penhallow storefront addition with adjacent garage
   - December 2017 Approval - Same Penhallow storefront addition with adjacent storage shed and surface parking space

2. Proposed Changes to Approved Project:
   - Add additional access point to roof deck from elevator - (2) 2'-6" wide custom wood doors to match adjacent exterior doors. Access will be at rear corner of roof deck and difficult to even see from ground level.
   - Add (3) copper wall sconces to the exterior of building
*LEGENDARY LIGHTING MODELS ONLY*

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR
Wall Mount Support Bracket

Mount the WSB at the desired location using the four (4) 1/4" x 1-1/2" bolts supplied. If mounting on brick, stone or masonry, masonry anchors or other mounting hardware may be needed.

(LEGENDARY Lighting does not supply masonry anchors.)

Position the light bracket on top of the WSB. Secure in place using one bolt through the left or right hole in the top of the lantern bracket and through the curved slot at the top of the WSB. Secure the bolts with lock nuts; make sure to leave the bolt and nut loose enough to be able to rotate or swivel the lantern bracket.

After connecting to gas and/or electricity, secure the lantern bracket to final position and install one bolt at top center and one bolt at bottom right. If a top curb is used, assemble it while installing the top center bolt.

For technical assistance, please call 1-800-235-6725

9 E-Z Wall Support Mount Bracket

COPPER WALL SCONCE