

Michael Schwartz
442-444 Middle Street

Dear Town Officials and Commission Members,

Thank you for considering my request to improve the property at 442-444 Middle Street. I feel very lucky to have a property in the heart of Portsmouth and I look forward to improving the appearance and construction. Following is a description of the desired improvements.

Take Care,
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1. Replace Overhang	2,000
2. Residing House	53,000
3. Back Porch	1,200
4. Chimney	6,800
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	\$63,000

1. Replace Overhang

I would like to replace the overhang, with something that is more traditional to the house. The current overhang is rotted and not repairable. I would like to use a paintable composite to provide increased protection, but painted to match the historical period of the house.

Please see the rendering on Page 3. I will use either wood or a product such as the Kleer Trimboard (see below). I will use trim boards similar to the picture on page 3, but welcome the input of the historic commissioners.

2. Residing House

The house currently has aluminum siding. I would like to remove the siding and revert back to clapboards, either wood or a product similar to the Boral composite. I will use wood or a PVC composite for any trim repairs. See image below.

3. Back Porch

I would like to replace the back porch with ether wood or PVC composite and decking similar to Trex. See image below.

4. Chimney

Both chimneys are not structurally sound above the roof. I would like to have them rebuilt at a height of 3 feet off the roof, or higher if required by code. I will use a Morin Brick or similar brick that matches the historic look. I will use a mortar appropriate for the brick. See images below.

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1. Front Overhang Replacement

Current overhang:

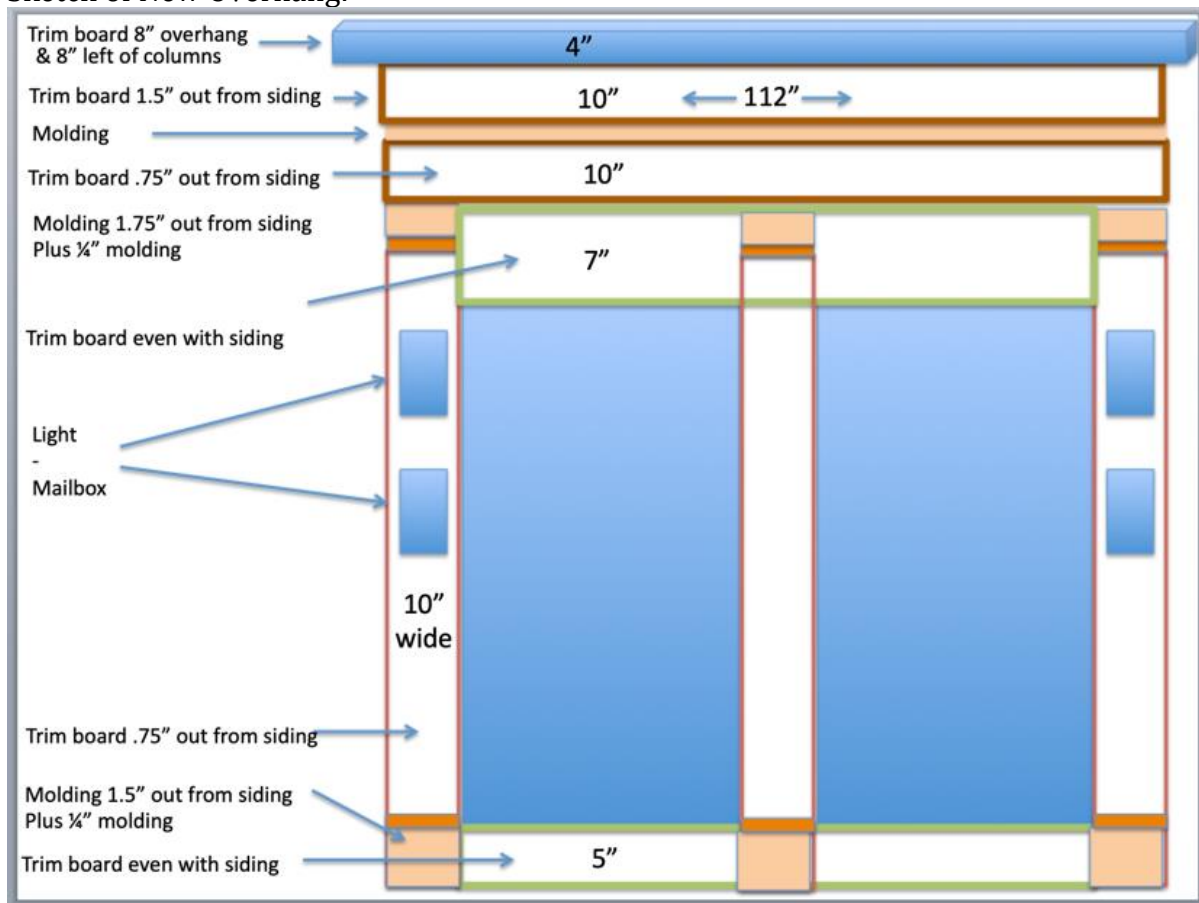


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Desired Style – as suggested by commissioner members following the work session, I will replicate the recommended style found on McDonough Street (except given that my doors are not recessed, rather than columns, we will simply have the facade of columns):



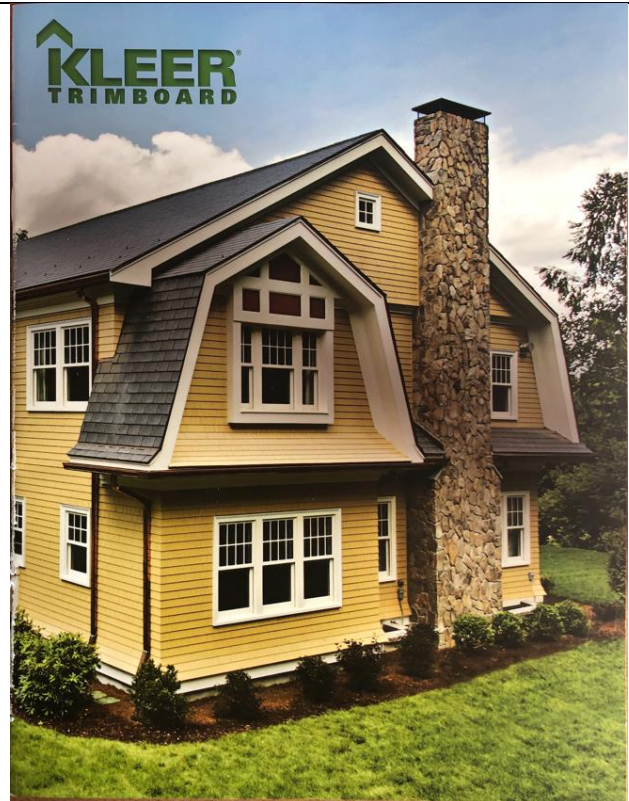
Sketch of New Overhang:



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Materials:

I will use wood or a PVC board similar to Klear Trimboard (flyer provided).



I will use moldings similar to the recommended house on McDonough Street. But I welcome the input from the historic commission, if they prefer a more decorative Klear molding.



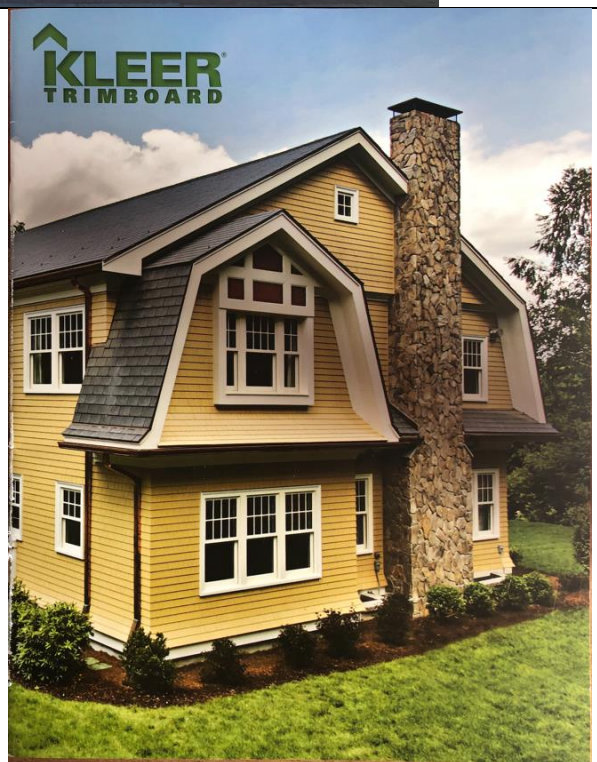
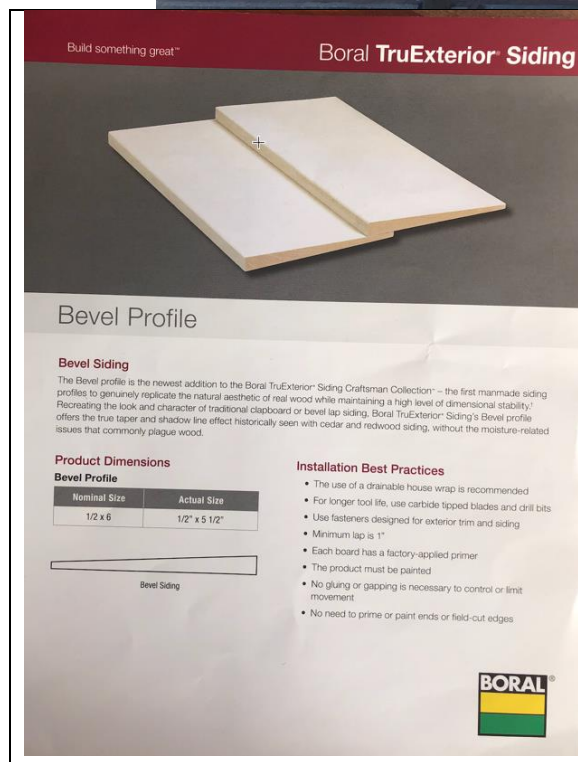
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2. Residing House

I will use either a wood clapboard or Boral siding.

I will use wood or PVC composite for the trim, similar to the Kleer product.

Current siding is Aluminum. The original (or prior) clapboard siding appears to have been removed.



3. Rebuilding Chimney:



The chimneys currently lack support as the mortar is not holding them together, above the roof line. The right chimney is being used to vent the steam boiler and the hot water heater. The left chimney is being used to vent the hot water only.

I will use a historic brick similar to the Morin brick. I will use a mortar appropriate for the brick.



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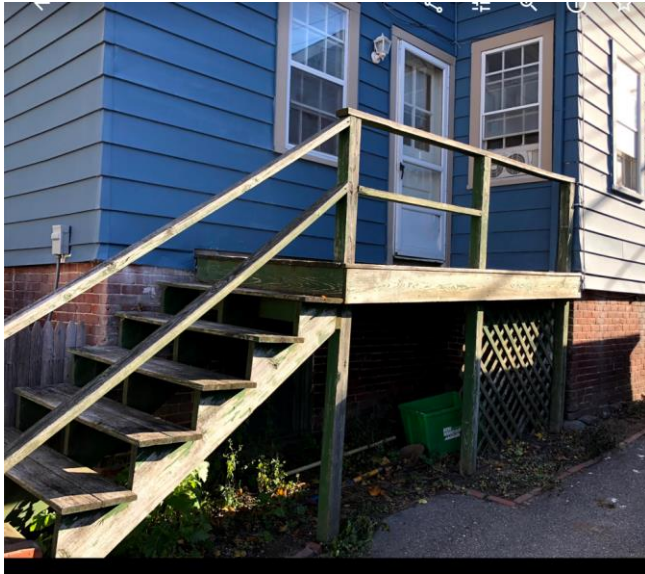
Waterstruck Brick

Water-struck Brick has become symbolic of the mindset and cultural fabric of New England: hard, somewhat irregular in appearance, steadfast but unpredictable, and stubbornly able to withstand adversity and thrive in a hostile physical climate. First fired in the 17th century in Medford, Massachusetts, from clay from the Mystic River flats, water-struck brick was the essential building block of Georgian New England and remains the choice for institutions and individuals seeking links to the great tradition of building in that part of the world.

David N. Fixler, AIA, LEED

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4. Replace back porch in-kind:



I plan to use existing pressure treated posts (or replace in-kind if needed). I will replace the decking, rails and trim. I will use either wood or a PVC similar to the Klear Trimboard for both caps, sleeves and trim boards. I will use either wood or a material similar to Trex for the decking and rails.

Klear PVC caps and railing



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Trex Railing and decking.

