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RE: Gardiner HPC Door Proposal

Concerning the proposal to modify the door at 189 Water Street, the Gardiner Historic Preservation Commission has requested sketches to review, as well as other door options than the one originally proposed by the applicant.

In review of this request, the following drawings, sketches and renderings are provided by the applicant for review by the commission:



- 1 A sketch of the proposed doorway with a 24" bottom frame added in order to meet the request a commission member to have a bottom panel whose lines were in line with those of the windows. This door would be the aluminum framed type originally proposed by the applicant but modified from the original proposal to meet the aesthetic request of one of the commission members.



- 2 A rendering of the original door type proposed, without the addition of the bottom panel. This would be the door type preferred by the applicant for reasons already discussed with the commission.



3 A picture of the current door and entranceway, for reference.



- 4 A rendering of what sketch #1 would look like. This is not a picture of the actual door, as they are custom built, but rather a rendering of the concept beyond the sketch provided in #1.



- 5 An alternate option located by the applicant that would give an aesthetic appearance that the commission may prefer. This door would meet the security requirements requested by the applicant and may meet the aesthetic preferences of the commission. Though this is not the top preference of the applicant, we feel it is a decent compromise between the *retail* type door that was originally proposed and *residential* type door that currently adorns the location.

The links provided below are to product specifications, technical data, and energy efficiency information regarding door #4.

Features	https://www.thermatru.com/explore-products/door-style/CCV05020
Door is available in Onyx.	https://www.thermatru.com/explore-products/design-your-door/step3/#

The applicant would like to ask at this time if the current doorway has gained historical significance since it was installed? During initial review of the application, the applicant noted and the commission acknowledged, that the current facade was not part of the original plan of record on file with the Department of the Interior, hence was added after the district was assigned historical significance. This was shown in historical photos provided in the application. If we acknowledge that the entranceway in question was not originally part of the preservation application, does this give the commission more flexibility when making decisions around modification? The applicant would offer that the current entranceway of discussion, not having been part of the originally preserved façade is not significant in defining the *historic character* of the building and could have diminished levels of critique as a result. It is my belief that the overall defining characteristics of the building, as it pertains to historical preservation, reside with the surviving features of the building that are part of the record on file with the Department of the Interior.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this proposal. Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

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