

Royalston Historic District Commission

Royalston, Massachusetts, 01368

Application for Certificate (revised Sept 8, 2005)

Applicant Name(s) Marie C. Humblet
Address of Property 4 On the Common
Owner's Name Marie C. Humblet
Address of Owner: Street 13 Bigelow St
City, State, Zip Cambridge MA 02139 Phone: 617 868 4076

Instructions: Please check the type of certificate you are applying for below. Then provide **precise** details of changes. A sketch including dimensions, measurements, exact colors, materials, etc. must be included. Attach any additional documents. Only **one** change request per application. Return **four** copies of the completed application to a commission member (one set will be returned to you). If you have any questions, please contact a Commission member (current member list available from Town Clerk).

Please check the certificate applied for:

☒ Appropriateness

☐ Non-Applicability

☐ Hardship

Description of changes (attach additional sheets and exhibits if necessary):

Proposed change to North side of the ell at 4 On the Common

The ell is a one story structure located between the main house and the barn. It currently contains the kitchen, the pantry and the maid's room.

There used to be a covered exterior porch along entire the North side of the ell. In the 1950's (possibly in 1953) the kitchen was extended to include part of the porch, and the rest of the porch structure was removed, except for the roof. The kitchen now has an East facing exterior door leading to what's left of the porch area, outside of the maid's room and the pantry, via exterior stairs located under the porch roof. The first two photos below show the current layout.

We propose to transform the maid's room into a washer/dryer area, a mud hall and a small bathroom.

This would lead to the following exterior modifications:

1. Replace the kitchen door leading to the porch area by a window (with storm window), matching the existing windows.

For Office Use Only

Date Received _____

Date Accepted _____

☐ Public Hearing ☐ Abutter notices

Decision: _____

Certificate Number _____

Royalston Historic District Commission

Royalston, Massachusetts, 01368

2. Enlarge the maid's room window opening to form the exterior door of the mud hall. Reuse the existing kitchen door and storm door.
3. Add a window in the future bathroom, matching the size of the existing pantry window and located midway between the door and the barn, at the same height as the pantry window.
4. Change the exterior stairs leading to the door, as per the plan below.
Note that the platforms and stairs are entirely covered by the roof of the porch, as they are today. Firewood will continue to be stored next to and under the platform.
For the platform railings, we intend to substantially reproduce the look of a porch of the Columns, across the lawn, as shown in the picture below, but with 4" spacing. We are open to other designs.
5. There will be no changes to the color scheme nor to the house siding material.

We believe that the door and window changes are not visible from a public way. Changes to the stairs might be visible, depending on the season.

Signature



Looking SE. The barn is on the left.
Window will be replaced by door.



Looking SW. The kitchen is on the right.
Kitchen door will be replaced by window.

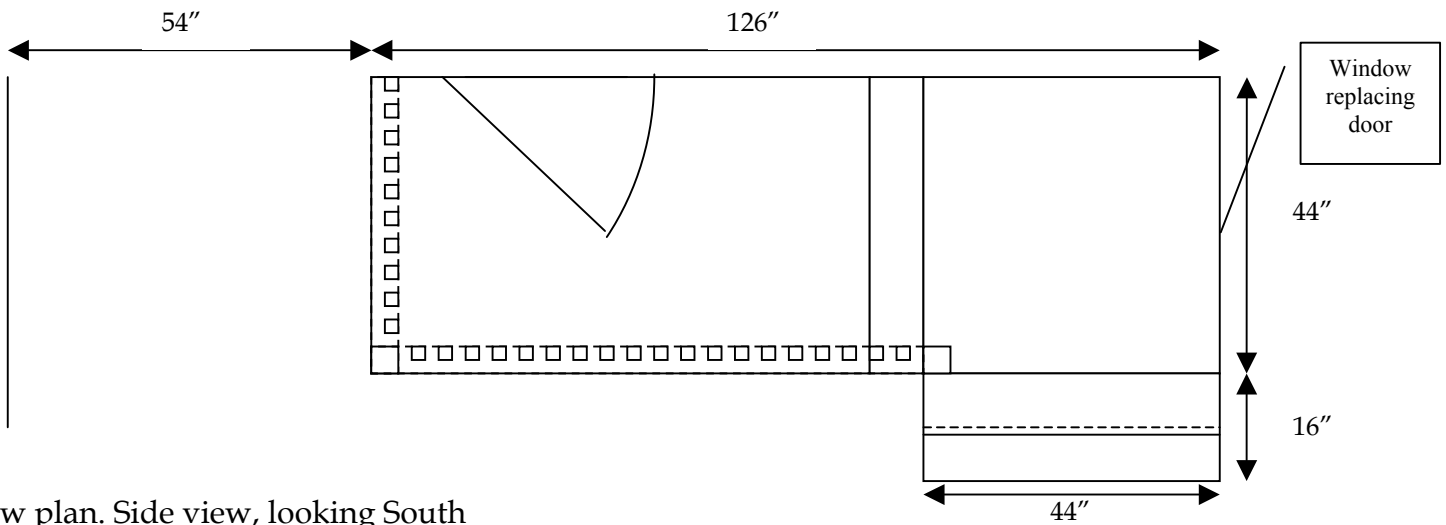


Proposed railing style (imitate Columns porch)

Royalston Historic District Commission

Royalston, Massachusetts, 01368

New plan, Top view



New plan. Side view, looking South

