

**Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: 2285 Longfellow - HDC Application**

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Hello Jennifer.

Thanks for taking the time to talk with me last week. I am writing to add some additional information for the Historic Commission in evaluating our request.

2285 Longfellow currently has horizontal aluminum siding, aluminum soffits, and aluminum wrapping on the facia and windows. Our desire to move the home closer to its historic appearance by having a shake shingle rather than the vertical siding and to paint the home according to historic colors (approved by the commission in 2017). We also need new gutters to prevent damage to the facade of the home. At this juncture we would like to remove the aluminum siding and wrapping. We know that the soffits have been removed on the upper part of the house (some of the aluminum has fallen and we can see through the underside of the roof). We know that some of the wood fascias are intact (we can see these where some of the aluminum has fallen off), but we do not know if all of the decorative trim details are intact (including the soffits and decorative beams in the first level). While the contractor quotes included fascia and window wrapping it is not our intent to rewrap the trim, rather repair and paint the original wood. At this juncture we are looking for options to move forward depending on the condition that we find under the aluminum siding and soffits.

Steps:

1. Remove siding, soffits, and wrapping and assess condition
2. Repair/Replace
  - a. If the cedar shake and lower soffits and beam are still intact and in decent condition we will repair (pending cost). The upper soffits will need to be replaced because the original

wood has already been removed. We are requesting aluminum or vinyl for this (which is dependent on cost).

b. If the cedar shake has been removed or is in a poor state of disrepair replace it with faux cedar shingle in Hardy or vinyl (pending cost). If we find all the soffits have been removed, replace with aluminum or vinyl. While not historic materials there are not permanent alterations to the home and can be replaced.

c. A combination of the two options. If repair of historic materials are too expensive or not possible due to disrepair for the entire home we would like permission to focus on historic materials for the front façade and replace side and back with aluminum or vinyl for the siding and soffits for this (which is dependent on cost).

If you have any questions or if I can clarify anything please let me know.

Best,

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