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HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Application for Certificate of Approval
Town of Durham, New Hampshire

Date: 7/16/15

Property information

Property address/location: 28 MAIN ST.

Tax map and lot #: 4-01; Date of building, if known: 1785

Name of project (if applicable): BALLARD BUILDING

Property owner

Name (include name of individual): MARK HENDERSON

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Applicant (if different from property owner)

Name (include name of individual): _____

Mailing address: _____

Telephone #: _____ Email address: _____

Architect/Designer (if applicable)

Name (include name of individual): NICK ISAAC

Professional Designation: ISAAC DESIGN

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Contractor (if applicable)

Name (include name of individual): TIM NOONAN

Mailing address: _____

Telephone #: 332-6699 Email address: TJNINC@METROCAST.NET

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PROPOSED NATURAL GRANITE BLOCK GARDEN
July 16, 2015

Members of the HDC:

While we were doing the excavation work for the new building we began to undermine the 230 year old foundation of the existing Ballard Building, in particular the west edge facing the new building. At the time we left as much earth in place to secure it for the winter frost. Last week we began to excavate that area and prepare it for the poured concrete alley between the two buildings. In doing so, we realized that we would be removing vital structural rock that was keeping the foundation in place.

Tim Noonan, the general contractor, came up with a solution to install large blocks of granite as a retaining wall that would keep that area intact and also soften the hard wall to wall concrete alley between the two buildings. The granite block being used is from the foundation of the annex that was removed at the start of our project. If approved we plan to have some type of green scape in that area measuring approximately 2' by 30' along the alley. Not only will this add some color and natural growth to the alley but the block will also provide a natural place to sit, read, converse, and enjoy the setting.

I hope that the members can see and appreciate what we have tried to accomplish and how we have actually enhanced the alley in a natural and constructive way.

My apologies for this late amendment, it was just discovered and hopefully remedied in a positive way.

Sincerely,

Mark Henderson

