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HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION Planning, Assessing
Application for *AMENDMENT* and Zoning
to Certificate of Approval
Town of Durham, New Hampshire

Date: **August 24, 2015**

Property information

Property address/location: **25-35 Main Street** Tax map and lot #: **Map 5, Lots 1-6, 1-7 and 1-8**

Name of project (if applicable): **Orion Student Housing 25-35 Main Street**

Property owner

Name (include name of individual): **William Fideli (Orion UNH LLC)**

Mailing address: **225 Franklin Street, Boston, MA 02110**

Telephone #: **(617)217-2121** Email address: **fideli@orion-sh.com**

Applicant (if different from property owner)

Name (include name of individual): **Lisa DeStefano, AIA (DeStefano Architects PLLC)**

Mailing address: **23 High Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801**

Telephone #: **(603)431-8701** Email address: **awagner@destefanoarchitects.com**

Architect/Designer (if applicable)

Name (include name of individual): **Lisa DeStefano AIA (DeStefano Architects PLLC)**

Professional Designation: **Principal Architect, Owner**

Mailing address: **23 High Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801**

Telephone #: **(603)431-8701** Email address: **ldestefano@destefanoarchitects.com**

Contractor (if applicable)

Name (include name of individual): **Jeff Luter (Fulcrum Associates)**

Mailing address: **5 Tech Circle, Amherst, NH 03031**

Telephone #: **(603)930-3596** Email address: **jluter@fulcrum-nh.com**

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Proposed changes (check all that apply)

Describe proposed changes – Orion UNH respectfully requests that the Durham Historic District Commission (“HDC”) reconsider its denial of the “revised dormers” on the rear of Building B.

Proposed starting date: **Currently under construction**

Submission of application

This application must be signed by the property owner, the applicant/developer (if different from property owner), and/or the agent.

I hereby submit this application to the Town of Durham Historic District Commission pursuant to the Town of Durham Historic District Ordinance and attest that to the best of my knowledge all of the information on this application form and in the accompanying application materials and documentation is true and accurate. As applicant/developer (if different from property owner) or as agent, I attest that I am duly authorized to act in this capacity and submit this application.

Name: Lisa DeStefano, AIA

Signature:  _____ Date: August 24, 2015

Circle all that apply: *property owner* - *developer* - *architect/designer* - *contractor* - *agent*

** Please note that the applicant or a representative must attend the HDC meeting to present the application and answer any questions. If nobody attends the meeting then the HDC may not take any action on the application.*

REQUEST FOR DURHAM HDC 8/6/15 DENIAL OF AS-BUILT REAR DORMERS

Orion UNH respectfully requests that the Durham Historic District Commission (“HDC”) reconsider its denial of the “revised dormers” on the rear of building B (attached).

1. The dormers were revised as it was necessary to create adequate headroom in the apartment rooms at those locations. The original design left the roof valley too low inside the units.
2. Some HDC members are rightfully concerned that the dormers were built without first applying to the HDC for the amended design. While the changes were depicted upon the approved construction plans, neither Orion, its professional team, nor the Town realized the discrepancy and the need for HDC approval until after the dormers were built. Orion agrees that the changes should have been submitted for approval prior to construction, apologizes for the oversight, which was the result of accident/mistake, and was not intentional.
3. Orion believes, and asks the HDC to recognize, that the dormer changes, being necessary, are reasonable, would have been approved by the HDC had they been submitted prior to construction and should be approved.

Respectfully Submitted,
ORION UNH, LLC


Lisa DeStefano

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