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Mr. Doug Eastman, Code Enforcement Officer

Town of Exeter

Re: Demolition Review, Map 72, Lot 208, 6 Spring Street, Model House

Doug,

The Demolition Review Sub-committee of the Heritage Commission met to review the building at 6 Spring Street regarding the demolition of a porch and chimney on the building owned by Phillips Exeter Academy. The Committee met on site and reviewed only the exterior. Present were Kathy Corson and Julie Gilman of the Sub-Committee.

Our understanding is that the existing porch on the rear ell of the east side of the house will be demolished and replaced with a two story addition on the same footprint as the porch. The addition will accommodate the need for an interior stairway due to interior renovations. For the same reason the single extant chimney will also be removed.

The history of the structure is difficult to determine through Registry records due to the lot consolidation with other Spring Street properties. The main house, with its ell addition, is found on the 1885 Sanborn maps of Exeter and was probably built circa 1850. PEA's *The Exeter Bulletin Winter 2008* includes a report on the last owners, The Model family. The article describes the rear ell being used by the as a tailor shop and sandwich shop circa 1914 with the Exeter Bookstore across the street in its current location. The front portion of the building was used as their residence.

The building is a simple, gable ended, residential side-entry Italianate house with Doric pilasters on the street façade. The rear ell was probably freestanding until connected to the main house. The porch may have been added at the same time. The building is located to the North of and very close to the First Baptist Church of Exeter. Spring Street consists of other residential buildings along with more recent PEA facilities.

The Demolition Review Sub-Committee does not find this porch, or the chimney, substantial contributing resources to the Town. Although the porch is a part of the history of the changing uses of the structure it is not a dominate feature. Situated to the rear and not easily seen from the street the new work, while expanding the second and third floors, will not substantially change the original structure's use over time. Therefore the Demolition review Sub-Committee does not see the need for further review.

Respectfully submitted,

Exeter Heritage Commission Selectmen's Representative

Cc: Mark Leighton of PEA, File, Historic District Commission, Heritage Commission