

HDC-2022-00047**Address: 402 N. 6th Street AKA 611 and 615 W. Gordon Street****District: Old Fairgrounds Historic District****Applicant: Joel Alpha, Joel Alpha Home Improvements, LLC****Proposal: Replace slate roof with asphalt shingles**

Building Description:

This 3-story brick row house, c. 1841, is a commercial and residential structure. There is a flat roof with a dentilated cornice and single chimney. The 2nd and 3rd floor have 2/2 sash with flat lintels. On the 1st floor there are several entries; the large main double glazed door entrance has diamond shaped windows on both sides and above the front door, it also has a gable roof with Tutor wood pieces between the roof and door, decorative wood brackets, scroll-sawn ends and asphalt shingles. The 2nd front entry is a single door covered by an Allentown porch roof with cyma-curve profile, open roof ends, decorative wood brackets, scroll-sawn rafter ends and asphalt shingles. There are two basement window grilles and a concrete stoop/step with railing at both entries.

A side entry/porch has been enclosed with a bank of windows with 6/1 sashes and transoms. The Allentown porch roof is a cymna-curve profile, with closed ends, hidden rafters and asphalt shingles. The side entries have concrete stoop/steps with metal railings with a combination of a metal awning, half-circle awning and Allentown porch roof with cymna-curve profile, closed ends, hidden rafters and asphalt shingles. There is a fire escape and garage on the side of the building.

Project Description:

This application proposes to replace the slate of the gable roofs at 402 N. 6th Street (AKA 611 and 615 W. Gordon Street) with a dimensional asphalt shingle, such as GAF Timberline shingles. The roofing work appears to have been started by another contractor without permits or a COA and stopped at the request of a building inspector. In its current state, the building retains some slate, has some areas with replacement asphalt shingles, and has some areas where slate has been removed and no shingles have been installed. These areas are tarped and require immediate action.

The applicant is proposing to retain the roofing work began by the previous contractor and to move forward with removal of the remaining slate and installation of asphalt shingles. On September 6, 2022, staff approved the replacement of the adjacent flat roofs only.



402 N. 6th Street showing gable roof replacement, September 2022.
(Applicant)



402 N. 6th Street remaining slate. (Applicant)

Applicable Guidelines:

Chapter 3.1 – Roofs

3.1.3 Repair and restore original and historic roofing materials whenever possible. Evaluate the condition and cost of repair of original materials before removing and replacing them. Targeted areas of repair or localized in-kind replacement may be the most effective and low-cost solution.

3.1.6 Replace historic roofing materials in-kind whenever possible if severe deterioration makes a full replacement necessary. Replacement material should match the original in material, dimension, shape, profile, color, pattern, exposure, and overall appearance.

3.1.7 If in-kind replacement is not feasible, replace historic roofing materials with alternate materials that resemble the original as closely as possible. Roof replacement should be sensitive to the original appearance. Replacement materials should match roof slopes or shape.

Observations & Comments:

The applicant contends that the existing slate requires replacement, because the fasteners have disintegrated and are not currently holding the slate shingles on the roof. The applicant is proposing to install GAF Timberline shingles in the pewter color to match the asphalt shingles that were installed by a previous contractor without a permit.

The staff suggests replacing the slate with a product that more closely matches the historic slate in dimension, shape, profile, color, exposure, and overall appearance, such as GAF Slateline. Replacement asphalt shingles are recommended to have straight cuts and even exposures to resemble historic slate. The staff requests that the HARB consider whether the owner may retain the asphalt shingles that were installed without a permit or COA, or if the shingles should be replaced with a more appropriate product.

Staff Recommendation:

Approval, pursuant to Chapter 3, Section 3.1 Roofs, provided that the roofing material matches the historic slate in dimension, shape, profile, color, exposure, and overall appearance.

Draft Motions:

I move to [approve, approve w/conditions, or deny] the application presented on *09/12/2022* for the roofing replacement at *402 N. 6th Street (AKA 611 and 615 W. Gordon Street)* [as submitted or with the following conditions agreed to by the applicant]:

I find [compliance or noncompliance] with the following sections of the Guidelines for Historic Districts: Chapter 3, Section 3.1 Roofs and find that there [are or are not] circumstances unique to the property: [unique features allowing decision].



APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS ¹

-This form is ONLY for projects located within historic districts -

DIRECTIONS: Please complete all form fields to apply for exterior alterations to properties located within one of Allentown's Historic Districts. These include Old Allentown, Old Fairgrounds and West Park. Incomplete applications, including those submitted without the required fee, will not be considered. Please consult the checklist to ensure your application contains the required information and attach supplemental information as appropriate.

FEE SCHEDULE:

Application Fee: \$25

Violation Correction (received NOV): \$300

Return complete application with all required attachments and fee by mail, email or in person to:

Historic Preservation Planning Officer
City of Allentown, Bureau of Planning & Zoning
435 Hamilton Street, 4th Floor
Allentown, PA 18101

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Property Address:	615 Gordon and 611 Gordon
Historic District:	
Current Use:	

PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION

Name:	Estate of Kelly Eaton 1666 Catch String Ln Hatfield, PA 19440		
Do you reside at the property?	no		
Business Name (if applicable):			
Address:			
Phone:		Email:	

APPLICANT INFORMATION (If different than property owner)

Name	Joel Alpha		
Relationship to property owner:	contractor		
Do you reside at the property?	no		
Business Name (if applicable):	Joel Alpha Home Improvements LLC		
Address:	139 W. Alata Mill Rd Leazareth, PA 18064		
Phone:	610 905-5237	Email:	SRAT42@aol.com

APPLICATION TYPE (check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> New Construction /Addition	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alteration	<input type="checkbox"/> Demolition
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TYPE OF ALTERATION PROPOSED (check all that apply)

Exterior Wall Material	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trim/Decorative Features	<input type="checkbox"/>	Light fixtures	<input type="checkbox"/>
Roofing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Shutters	<input type="checkbox"/>	Windows	<input type="checkbox"/>

¹ Application last revised 05/25/2022

Porch/Stoop/Deck Railings		Signage		Exterior Doors	
Exterior Stairways		Satellite Dish		Fence	
Other:					


PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Is the proposed work on a side visible from the street?
Existing Materials:
Proposed Materials:
Dimensions (if applicable, i.e.: windows/doors):
Description of work (PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY): - remove existing slate - install ice-water shield and synthetic underlayment - match to existing asphalt shingles (GAF Timberline - install ridge vent, cap all peaks Pewter)

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

1. Current color photograph of overall building from street (ground to top of roof)	
2. Current color photograph(s) of all sides impacted by proposed work	
3. Detailed Photograph(s) of area proposed to be altered	
4. Photographs of adjacent properties (left and right) if attached	
5. Property Map (consult GIS City Historic District Map (arcgis.com))	
6. Construction Drawing (scaled)	
7. Material Samples (roofing, siding)	
8. Specifications of new materials or features	
9. For New Additions Only- Site Plan with proposed setbacks and addition dimensions	
10. For demolition or replacement-Detailed photographs annotating damage	
I have consulted a design or construction professional (circle one)	Yes No

☒ I certify to the best of my knowledge that all information provided in this application and attachments is correct.

_____ Property Owner Signature	 Applicant Signature
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For assistance completing this application or any questions regarding what work requires HARB review please contact the City of Allentown Bureau of Planning and Zoning:
 Phone: 610-437-7613. X 2865

Please be advised This application is for project review for compliance with the Historic District Ordinance only. The owner and applicant may also need other permits to complete the project. Other permits can be obtained on the 4th Floor, City Hall, 435 Hamilton St. 8 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Friday.

If paying by check –
 Pay to: City of Allentown (HARB)
Mail to: City of Allentown (ATTN: Planning Department – HARB)
 435 Hamilton Street, Allentown, PA 18101



NO
PARKING
IN FRONT
OF
GARAGE

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Pewter Gray

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Color Availability



Baltimore, MD/Myerstown, PA

	UHD	HD	UHD	HD	UHD	HD	UHD	HD	UHD	HD	UHD	HD	UHD	HD	UHD	HD	UHD	HD
Weathered Wood	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Charcoal	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Barkwood	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Hunter Green	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Hickory	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Slate	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Shakewood	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Fox Hollow Gray	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Mission Brown	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Pewter Gray	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Biscayne Blue	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Oyster Gray	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Patriot Red	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Williamsburg Slate	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●

UHD Timberline Ultra HD® HD Timberline HD®

Note: It is difficult to reproduce the color clarity and actual color blends of these products. Before selecting your color, please ask to see several full-size shingles.