

Exeter Heritage Commission  
10 Front Street  
Exeter, NH 03833

July 10, 2023

Doug Eastman, Building Inspector  
Town of Exeter  
10 Front Street  
Exeter, NH 03833

RE: Demolition request, 87 Front Street

Dear Doug:

On June 27 and July 5, 2023 the Demolition Review Committee, (DRC), reviewed the request to demolish portions of the residence and the garage/barn at 87 Front Street. After the site meeting on June 27<sup>th</sup> the property owner gave the DRC permission to look inside the garage/barn to help assess it's historical significance. Present at the site on June 27 were Pam Gjettum, Julie Gilman and John Merkle. Present at the site on July 5 were Julie Gilman, John Grueter and myself.

It is the opinion of the DRC that the side entrance addition and garage/barn structure are not historically or culturally important to the town of Exeter. The DRC also feels that their removal will not have an adverse effect on the remaining historic residence or the existing neighborhood. The DRC requests that the owner consider retaining the main portions of the rear porch. Although perhaps not original to the building its design and materials are respective to the original house design.

Please advise the applicant that they are free to proceed with demolition pending securing other required town approvals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John W. Merkle". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

John W. Merkle, Vice Chairman  
Exeter Heritage Commission