

## Bengtson, Paul

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**To:** Bengtson, Paul  
**Subject:** Re: 53 Magnolia - COMM-2021-0356 - April 21, 2021 HPC meeting

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Mr. Bengtson

In regards to the application for vinyl siding at 53-55 Magnolia St here is the outlined proposal to address the age and weather that has caused the wood shingles and clapboard severe deterioration, rot and peeling paint causing them to fall off. Repairs over the years has not resolved the problem as the shingles crumbles from attempts to repair them.

My plan is to install vinyl siding as follows:

On the first level there is clapboard with a 4" exposure which I plan to replace with Ply Gem Progressions double 4" vinyl siding.

On the second and third level there is shingle shake siding with 6.5" exposure which I plan to replace with Tando Roughswan Cedar dual panel with 6.5" exposure vinyl siding.

The plan is to go over the existing siding material with the vinyl siding. The first floor corner trims will remain; the second and the third floor currently has no corners trims and will remain that way, the vinyl shingle siding will be cut and fitting accordingly to replicate to design. As for the angle portion of the siding that meets to soffit under the front eaves the vinyl shingle siding will be cut and install to retain the architectural design of the building. The first floor will have 4" exposure vinyl siding. The entire second and third floor will have vinyl shingle siding with a 6.5" exposure.

The replacement I am proposing will match the existing shingles and clapboard, out and inside corners will retain the current look.

All current architectural designs will be replicated to maintain the original design of the structure of the property.

Based on the materials I am proposing to use there should be no visual differences from the original materials.

I have attached photographs showing the current state of deterioration for your review.

Thank you,  
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**From:** Bengtson, Paul <Paul.Bengtson@hartford.gov>  
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**Subject:** 53 Magnolia - COMM-2021-0356 - April 21, 2021 HPC meeting

Dear applicant,

Your item is scheduled to be heard at the April 21, 2021 Historic Preservation Commission which begins at 4pm. Attached to this email is an agenda for the meeting. Please visit <https://www.meetinginfo.org/meetings/1057> for all of the meeting materials and a link to participate virtually. You can also review our [guide to participating in commission meetings](#) pamphlet to prepare for the meeting.

You are highly encouraged to have a representative attend the meeting on behalf of your application. If you do not intend to attend, please let me know via a response to this email.

Attached is the staff report with staff's recommendation which is for this item to either be continued to the May 19, 2021 meeting or denial. The recommendation is based on incomplete information about your installation, including the following details:

- The City's guidelines are very restrictive in the use of vinyl siding to replace wood siding. The HPC has on rare occasions approved the use of vinyl siding but only with very clear plans for how the installations will occur.
- We need details on the dimensions and exposure of the existing siding/shingles.

Our April 21, 2021 meeting has over 20 items on the agenda so we are not able to review any additional information regarding your application before the meeting. If you would like to work with staff to address the issues listed above we would need you to consent to a continuation to the May 19, 2021 meeting to allow time to provide clearer details on your project. You can request a continuation to the May 19, 2021 meeting with a response to this email.

If you have other questions regarding this application, please feel free to respond to this email.

Thanks,

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