City of Stoughton
Certificate of Appropriateness
Application

1. **Name of Property:** Frank Allen Building, Circa 1858
   172 E. Main St.
   Stougthon, WI, 53589

   Main Street Historic District

2. **Owner/Applicant Information**:

   Owners: Laura Davis & Rich Morris
   700 Taylor Ln
   Stoughton, WI 53589

   Daytime Phone: Laura Davis: (608) 233-7684 Rich Morris: (608) 201-6227

3. **Attachments:** Photographs (8)
   Other: Permission to Attach Deck Supports

4. **Description of Proposed Project** (on next pages)

5. **Signature of Applicants:**

Laura Davis

Date: 4/29/2021

Description of Proposed Project

Architectural Feature: West wall facing the alley, circa 1858 **(Photo #1)**

Approximate date/description of feature: In summer, 2020, the owners had several layers of various types of siding removed, including the abatement of asbestos slate siding. This revealed the original wall of the building **(Photo #2)**. This wall, though having been largely protected by the various sidings, shows several openings that had been covered **(Photo #3,)** areas of repair using rough wood (likely from pallets, **Photo #4**) and areas where the original wood was rotting or split (**Photo #5**.)

The owners plan to restore and preserve the original wood where possible and replace the wood with custom siding where needed.

The old paint will be removed using Lead-Safe Renovation practices (owner license #LSR120083160145, exp. 8/31/2022.) The wood will be preserved using epoxy treatments (Liquid Wood and Wood Epox,) then primed and painted in the same colors as the facade, painted in summer 2020.

Photo #1

Photo #2

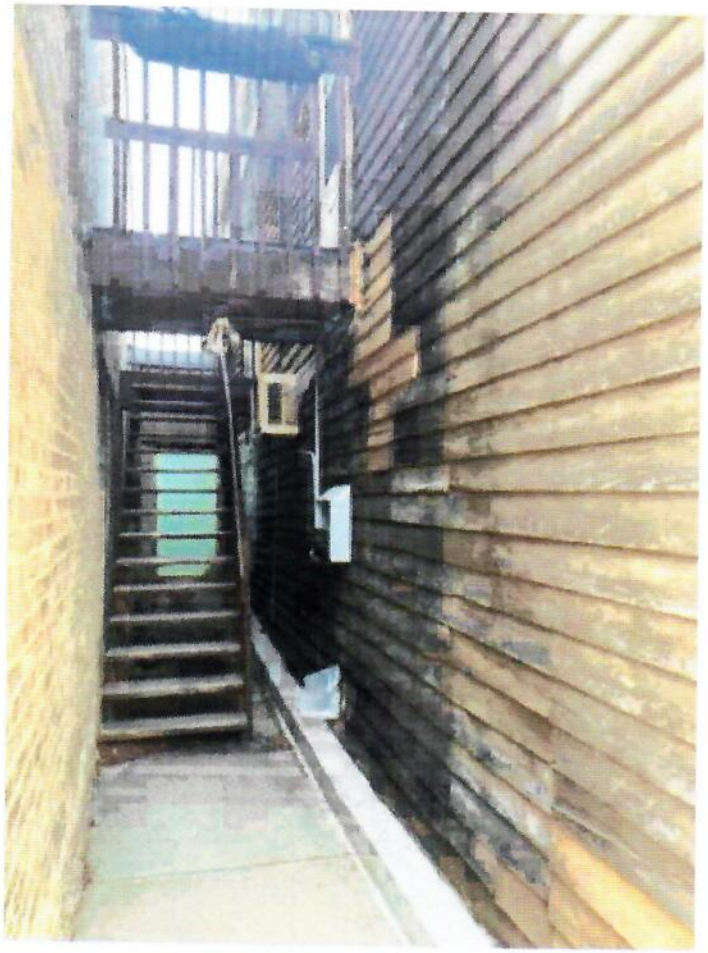

Photo #3

Photo #4

Photo #5

Architectural Feature: Steps to second floor apartment, including decks in front of both entrance doors. **(Photo #2)**

Approximate date/description of feature: Neither the wooden steps, nor the small decks in front of each door are original. Though dates of construction are unknown, they are showing wear and splitting in some places. The door closest to the sidewalk appears to have been the original entrance into the second floor; the brick wall shows a darker line that angles down from the platform where we believe the original steps to have been built.

The owners intend to replace the steps and have them descend from their original position closer to the sidewalk. The front edge of the steps will terminate about 7 inches from the nearest sidewalk seam. **(Photo #6)** Being closer to the lights of Main Street will make the entrance to the apartment safer, and increase the ease of snow removal. The owners also intend to replace the decks in front of each door with a single deck connecting them, thus providing a small outdoor area for the upstairs apartment and improving ease and safety of exit from both doors. **(Photo #7)**

The owner of the building adjoining the alley has given permission to secure the new decking supports to their brick wall using bolts in the fashion of the existing decks. **(Attachment #1)**

Architectural Feature: Exit from the annex behind the original building into the rear of the alley. (**Photo #8)**

Approximate date/description of feature: This exit is currently sealed with insulation. The door behind the insulation is a large steel door, likely original to the annex. The exact date is unknown, but speculated to have been built in the 1950's. The steel door is rusted and in disrepair with broken hinges and a nonfunctional handle. The owners plan to remove this door and install a new security door. This will provide an extra exit from the building and easier access to the alley. It will be painted to match the color of the other entrances to the building.

Photo #8

Photo #6

Railings to be eliminated
7.5 inches
Stairs to be moved to front door platform.

Photo #7

railing
Will be
removed
Single
Platform
Connecting
Both Doors
Steps to be
moved to front
platform.

Permission to Attach Deck Supports

As owner of Stoughton Floral (168 E. Main St., Stoughton,) I grant permission for the owners of Bees On Main, LLC (174 E. Main St, Stoughton,) to secure new deck supports to my building, extending between both doors on the second floor of their building, by bolting the supports to the brick wall facing the alley.

Signature

4/29/2021

Date

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