



**TOWN OF ACTON  
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**

472 Main Street, Acton, MA 01720

**CERTIFICATE 2220**

Pursuant to Chapter 40C of the General Laws of Massachusetts and the Historic Districts Bylaw of the Town of Acton, the Acton Historic District Commission hereby issues a

**CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS**

For the work described in the Application 2220 requiring approval.

Applicant (or owner): Renee Robins and Brad Bodkin Telephone: (978) 635-9766  
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Location of Work: 53 Windsor Ave., Acton, MA District: Center \_ West x South \_

Description of Proposed work: Install a 8' by 14' pre-constructed garden shed to replace a wood shed that collapsed, as described in the attachments to the application. The proposed relocation of an exterior window on the south side of the applicants' house, also included in the application, remains under the Commission's consideration and is not included in this Certificate

**Findings, Requirements and Recommendations:**

**Finding:**

The placement of the shed, at the back of the lot behind an existing wood trellis, will make it quite difficult, if not impossible, to determine any difference between wood and vinyl clapboards when viewed by the unaided eye from the Windsor Ave. sidewalk.

**Requirements:**

1. The garden shed must be installed within the footprint of the shed which it replaces.
2. The shed will be a 8' by 14' salt-box, constructed of wood or vinyl clapboards (owners' choice) as described and illustrated in the application.

**Recommendations:**

1. The windows should be single pane without grilles.
2. The windows should not have shutters.

When completed, the work outlined above must conform in all particulars to the Application approved on August 9, 2022. The applicant may proceed with the proposed work provided all other approvals have been obtained, including a Building Permit where required. This Certificate is valid for work commenced within one year of the date of issuance. An extension or renewal of the Certificate may be granted at the discretion of the Commission. If a property changes ownership during the time the Certificate is in force, a new owner who wishes to continue the authorized work must apply to have a new Certificate issued in his or her own name.

The Decision only applies to those matters within the HDC's jurisdiction. Any action permitted hereunder may still be subject to or require other approval or permits from other governmental boards, agencies or bodies having jurisdiction such as the Building Department, Planning Department, Health Department, Planning Board, Conservation Commission or Zoning Board of Appeals, as the case may be.

Application received July 25, 2022

Date of Public Hearing: NA

Certificate approved by Arthur Leavens  
for Historic District Commission

Date: August 9, 2022

Copies to: Applicant, Building Commissioner, Town Clerk, Planning Board, HDC File