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CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

CASE NUMBER COA2020-008

On February 5, 2020, the Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission (“Commission”) conducted, in the above referenced matter, a public hearing in accordance with the statutes and case law pertaining to quasi-judicial proceedings for the issuance of certificates of appropriateness. Commission member Chad Gadberry was recused from consideration of the application. During the hearing, Heather Bratland, Historic Resources Officer, presented the staff report, findings, and recommendation. Hunter Layman, solar consultant of the applicant, appeared to present testimony and evidence in support of the application. John Merschel, representative of the West End Association, appeared to present testimony and evidence in opposition to the application.

After presentation of all testimony and evidence, the Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission, based upon the evidence presented in the application and during the hearing, finds that the proposed project is incongruous with the character of the West End Historic Overlay District because:

- 1) The proposed solar collectors will be located, in part, on the south-facing side of the end gable roof that prominently projects toward the sidewalk. This portion of the roof is only one story above the ground. Per the designation report, the steep roof is a character-defining feature of the cottage. Unlike the other locations proposed for installation of solar collectors in this application, this section of roof is not an area of low visibility. (*Structural and Mechanical Systems*, West End Guideline 4)

Based on the preceding findings, the Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission hereby denies COA2020-008 at the Thomas J. Wilson House, located at 644 North Spring Street, within the West End Historic Overlay District (PIN#, 6825-98-4239.00).

This the sixth day of February, 2020.



Kevin G. Owen, Chair
Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission