

THE NORWICH HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS: APPLICATION COA # 436

SECTION I Property Owner

Historic Property Owner: **Jason Largent**

Property Owner's Authorized Representative: **self**

Historic Property Address: **c. 1784 James Lincoln House, 20 Harland Road, Norwichtown, CT 06360**

Owner Telephone: **540-539-5137** Date: **9/3/20**

Owner Email: largentj74@gmail.com

SECTION II Property Modification Category

Check one or more of the following:

Preservation (X) **Save existing chimney (not original to the house, c. 1950's)**

Restoration (X) **Chink and fill, raise the angle and base, flash and tie into house as needed**

SECTION III Inclusions

In reference to a previously approved COA, it has come to the homeowner's attention that the chimney to the structure is in need of considerable repair. The chimney has several areas where it has pulled away from the structure, has missing brick, and stack finishing. One of the two windows in reference to the initial COA has been replaced/cased, wood cedar siding repaired as requested in the COA date June 1, 2020. In finishing the window and the siding, it came to the owners attention that a good portion of the siding was rotted or missing behind the chimney stack. Bats, squirrels, and bees have been making nests in that area. The siding behind the chimney has been replaced and wood boxing installed around the chimney stack. The homeowner contacted local mason, Greg Diadato who recently repaired the retaining wall at Sacred Heart Church in Norwichtown. Mr. Diadato assessed the chimney stack and his solution is to raise the angle of the stack to make the base more stable/substantial and to use a solid piece of bluestone to finish the angle. Mr. Diadato said he would fill the voids and flash behind the masonry to prevent any further infestations of vermin. Due to the severity of damage and to prevent further damage to the residence, the work will be completed sometime the week of September 7th. The homeowner has already consulted with Ms. Miner and Mr. Guidebeck about the urgency regarding this matter. This chimney houses the flue for the furnace and a fireplace in the dining room. The homeowner had the chimney assessed by Loric Chimney (recommended by Currie Plumbing/Heating in 2017) who gave an estimate to replace the furnace. Loric stated that the chimney is level and not in danger of toppling. Loric felt confident in the structural integrity of the chimney. The homeowner has pictures of the house provided by Richard Guidebeck of the house from the 1950's when it looked like a product of its time period with shake siding and asbestos siding. It is the homeowner's understanding that while the chimney appears to have pulled away from the house, the separation happened as a result of the removal of asbestos siding and furring strips by a former owner to return the house to its "colonial" appearance. Years of neglect and costs have prevented previous owners from tackling the chimney. The house has been through many modifications through the years. The house was originally a center chimney cape as can be seen from the inside cellar, dining room, and archives shown in several local books containing a history of the Houses of Norwich. (Caulkins and Perkins)

SECTION VI Signature

Applicant Signature

Jason L. Largent

Date 9/3/20

Submit: hdc@cityofnorwich.org via email. The Commission checks this email account daily Monday-Friday.

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Section V Historic District Commission Use

HDC Meeting Date _____

Application Action:

Approved as Submitted: _____

Denied: _____

Approved with Stipulations: _____

Approved with Modifications: _____

Summary of stipulations, modifications or reason for denial:

HDC Signature: _____ Date: _____