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Mr. Mark Van Scoy
Chair, Church Trustees
Orthodox Congregational Church of Petersham
21 North Main Street
P.O. Box 183
Petersham, Massachusetts 01366

Dear Mark,

Thank you for bringing the Church belfry project to the attention of the Historic District Commission at our April 2019 meeting.

At that meeting, via word and images, you described the need to repair the Church steeple due to deteriorating conditions. We understand your goal with the repair work is to match the existing visible exterior conditions. You also provided us with the name of and information about your selected contractor and the proposed scope of work.

Upon review and discussion, the Commission determined that your project consists of general repair, maintenance, and replacement and will not alter the existing architectural features of the Church structure.

Therefore, per the HDC Bylaw, there is no need for the filing of an Application for, or the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness for repairs.

Town Bylaw Article XII, Section 6. 3. : Nothing in this By-law shall be construed to prevent the ordinary maintenance, repair, or replacement of any exterior architectural feature of any building or structure within the Historic District

Please retain this correspondence for your files for future reference. We appreciate you making us aware of your project and wish you all the best in its execution. Thank you for your dedicated efforts to keep the Church in fine condition.

Sincerely,

Nancy Allen
Chair, Petersham Historic District Commission

cc: Brianna Skowyra, Petersham Building Inspector