March 20, 2012

Appeal Follow up Letter for 23 Isabel Street St. Paul, MN 55107

Good morning Marcia Moermond:

After taking your advice and meeting with an architect at our property at 23 Isabel Street W in St. Paul we have come up with a plan for our windows. Upon the recommendation of Laura we have decided the following as our window plan for this property to make this home the most energy efficient as possible, while still protecting the integrity and character of this home.

Any of the windows in the home that are currently missing storm windows we will add new storm windows within the next year. We will also take a look at the existing storm windows and replace any of those that do not function properly. There are 3 windows that we will need a little more time than a year to complete. These are 3 round top windows. My husband will have to buy a CNC milling machine and specially make these, as they are very expensive to have custom made. I am asking for these 3 round top windows to have 2 years to make custom ones for them. We are already replacing all 6 of our turret windows because they are just too deteriorated to save and all of the windows in the 3rd floor attic space with energy efficient low e glass windows. They have been ordered and will be installed in the next 2 months.

Following the recommendation of Laura we are asking to have a variance for no insulation on the brick walls of the home as well as no vapor barrier so the walls can breathe to protect the integrity of the brick. To better our energy envelope for this home we are prepared to add 3 inches of spray foam insulation to the peaked rafters in the 3rd floor expansion which will give us an estimated R-Value of 21, as well as making sure that any of our doors are weather-stripped and as air tight as possible.. This area will be converted to a living space in the next 2 years, but will be a storage area until then. We are asking until November 1st, 2012 to complete the 3rd floor spray foam insulation.

Thanks for your time.

Kristina Beedle