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**CERTIFICATE 1427**

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 of the same number.

**Applicant (or owner)** David Shoemaker

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**Address** 14 Newtown Road

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**Location of Work** 14 Newtown Road **District:** Center X West    South   

**Description of Proposed work:** Change board pattern on “barn” entrance door (hardware TBD at a later date); delete radiused trim over windows on west façade; cornice return detail; wood half-round gutters, round downspouts and crown mounted gutter hangers.

**Findings, conditions, requirements, recommendations**

**Findings:** The Commission noted the high quality and clarity of the submitted information.

**On Condition:** A COA is granted pending abutter notifications. If a public hearing is not requested then the work may proceed.  
The work will be done according to the documents presented to the Commission via a laptop presentation on September 9, 2014.  
The board pattern on the “barn” door was acceptable as depicted in the presentation; the cornice return should be the larger dimension as presented; the downspout should be located on the west wall for consistency with the existing house.  
Hard copy drawings of the presentation should be submitted to the Commission for scanning into DocuShare.

**Final hardware and/or other refinements should be submitted for approval to the Commission in a subsequent amended application.**

**Recommendations:**    **A gutter with an inner roll cross section was suggested (less accessible to wasp infestation).**  
**A cap was suggested above the door trim and/or window casing for better weather protection.**  
**It was suggested to present different gable end siding patterns to the Commission for design comments.**

When completed, the work outlined above must conform in all particulars to the Application approved on September 9, 2014. The applicant may proceed with the proposed work provided all other approvals have been obtained, including a Building Permit or Sign License 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.

Application received August 22, 2014

Date of Public Hearing (n/a)

Certificate approved by David Honn  
for Historic District Commission

Date September 22, 2014

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