HPC rejects additions that dwarfs original structure

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CAPE MAY — The Historic Preservation Commission told an applicant to go back to the drawing board and trim his addition to historic houses in the city, saying it is a major addition that would dwarf the original house.

The HPC reviewed the application that the property owner at 1006 Washington St. submitted to the city’s Planning Board, the Environmental Commission and the county’s Environmental Commission. The application is for an addition to a historic house that would be visible from the street, changing the character of the house.

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The HPC chairman, Tom Carroll, said that the back of the house could not overpower, be taller or wider than the house in front of it, according to HPC standards. Carroll suggested a two-story addition that would include a living room, kitchen, family room and a second floor.

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HPC Commissioner John Boecker said the commis- sion’s ability to work together is important to the strong work done by the HPC. He said that maybe they’re moving toward the historic district.

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