

## 142 State St. Portsmouth, NH

We are seeking approval to change the roof to asphalt shingles. The building currently has badly damaged slate.

I was able to receive an updated proposal from Exeter Roofing and will provide the cost comparison here:

Architectural Shingles: \$12,480

Grand Manor Architectural Shingles: \$19,500

Synthetic Slate: \$36,400

Authentic Slate: Unavailable from this company

After our last meeting, I walked around the property and realized the back of the building is visible from the street and may be the view Dave Adams was referencing when he mentioned that it was not inconspicuous. However, I don't believe the slate is necessary in this instance as it doesn't seem to enhance the building or make it stand out among its peers, which are both covered with asphalt architectural shingles. Likewise, from the street in front of the building, the shingles are not visible. There are many beautiful buildings downtown that have noteworthy slate roofs, but this is not one of them.

I know it was also a concern that we were losing another slate roof, along with some disbelief about the damage that comes from snow slides from slate. I've attached pictures from about 10 years ago when snow fell from the building across the street. I was home at the time and was able to get a picture when I heard the crash. I'm thankful nobody was underneath when that snow fell and I hate to think of it happening from our roof where we have a busy storefront. I don't have photo documentation from when Basil referenced the snow falling in the past, but I think this shows a clear concern. I also checked with Exeter Roofing and they confirm that synthetic slate acts similarly to natural slate and would have the potential for snow slides.



