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Dear Sir/Madam

This letter is a glowing recommendation for Dean Martineau. His work is an outstanding example of the best historic carpentry—neat, quickly done, yet responsive to the distinct character of each project.

I have known Dean for more than ten years. We met when he applied for a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Providence Historic District Commission. I was (between 1993-2000) the staff support for the PHDC, and was able to give approval for exterior work on district properties that met all criteria for compliance with our guidelines. Dean's work was always approved. Unlike other contractors, Dean never complained, misrepresented or tried to circumvent the permitting process. All his work proposals were well documented, clear and, most importantly, carried out as specified. When he applied, I knew that the work would be done well.

When the time came to repair and renovate my own house, I contacted Dean, as he had done fine work on the adjacent house in the previous season. The work was reasonably priced, well executed, and done in the time allotted. At the end of the day, the site was neat, swept, and safe. If there was any problem or issue, we were able to resolve it with candid and respectful discussion. Working with him and his crew was actually enjoyable, an extremely rare state of affairs.

After the work was done, I received many compliments on the house, the new colors, the rebuilt entry, the smooth driveway and sidewalk. People would stop outside the house and ask who had done the work, and I was glad to give them Dean's card. In fact, in the future I would like to work with him in my house on interior repair and renovation.

In short I can recommend Dean a fine workman, an honest and amiable carpenter, and a fine person. If you wish to contact me to discuss this further, please call 404.861.6606 or e-mail [joanna3945@cox.net](mailto:joanna3945@cox.net). Thanks for your time.

Sincerely,

Joan Fleming