

## Chapter 4 – New Construction and Additions

### 4.3 Decks

- .1 Locate and construct decks so that there is the least possible loss of historic fabric. Also, ensure that character-defining features of the historic building are not obscured, damaged, or destroyed.
- .2 Construct decks that are structurally self-supporting that may be removed in the future without damaging the historic structure.
- .3 Locate decks in inconspicuous areas not visible from the street, typically the rear elevation of the building. Inset decks at least one foot from any corner of the historic building.
- .4 Design decks and associated railings and steps to be compatible in material, scale, proportion, color and detail with the historic building. Design decks that do not detract from the overall historic character of the building or site, and that do not significantly alter the proportion of the built area to open space for the property.
- .5 It is not appropriate to remove significant features or elements of a historic building (such as a porch) or significant site features or elements (such as a mature tree) to construct a deck.
- .6 Align the height of the deck with the floor level of the historic building. Introduce foundation screening such as skirtboards, lattice, and dense evergreen plantings around the deck.