Peabody Historic Commission's List of Acceptable Siding Products for Historic Homes*

Wood:

Clapboard siding on historic homes can be made from a variety of woods, including:

- **Pine**: Before 1950, pine was the most common wood used for clapboards.
- **Cedar**: A popular choice for clapboard siding, cedar is known for its attractive appearance and pleasant wood grain.
- **Fir**: Fir was often used for historic porches because it was harvested from old growth trees, making it more resistant to rot.
- **Cypress**: A reliable and low-maintenance wood that can withstand most elements. Cypress is so durable that it can last for generations.
- **Redwood**: Occasionally used for clapboards.

Clapboards are typically 1/2 inch thick and 6 inches wide, and are installed so that 4 inches of the total material is exposed to the weather. Clapboards come in two basic variations: beveled and flat/non-beveled.

Engineered wood siding:

Engineered wood siding is a lightweight, inexpensive alternative to traditional wooden clapboards. It's made of composite wood panels with uniform, manufactured grain patterns.

- **Timbers Diversified Wood Products**: Offers TruWood Siding, an engineered wood product designed to be durable
- **Georgia-Pacific Wood Products**: A leading producer of wood panels in North America
- **Allura**: A manufacturer of engineered wood siding
- **Celect**: A manufacturer of engineered wood siding
- **Diamond Kote Building Products**: A manufacturer of engineered wood siding
- **Everlast**: A manufacturer of advanced composite siding
- **James Hardie**: A siding brand that offers a 30-year warranty
- **LP Building Solutions**: A manufacturer of engineered wood siding
- **Nichiha**: A Japanese manufacturer that offers a variety of siding styles, including woodgrain shakes and shingles
- **PlyGem Elements**: A manufacturer of engineered wood siding

- **KWP:** Engineered wood siding

Engineered wood siding is made by compressing wood strands that are coated with a resin binder. It's also known as manufactured wood siding, composite wood siding, or synthetic wood siding.

Engineered wood siding is durable and can withstand inclement weather. It's also treated to prevent rot and termites. However, it can have higher upfront costs, may require maintenance, and could fade over time

Fiber Cement:

- **LP Building Solutions**
- **James Hardie**
- **GAF**
- **Allura**
- **Woodtone**
- **Nichiha**
- **Cement Board Fabricators Product**
- **American fiber cement Corporation**
- **CertainTeed**

Fiber cement siding is made from a combination of the following ingredients:

- **Portland cement**: A binder made from clay, iron, and limestone
- **Wood pulp or cellulose fibers**: Makes the siding flexible and strong
- **Water**: Dissolves the wood pulp and hardens the cement
- **Fly ash or silica sand**: A filler that strengthens the mixture

The exact composition of fiber cement siding can vary by manufacturer

**The Peabody Historic Commission and the City of Peabody do not recommend/suggest any particular siding manufacturer. This list includes just some manufacturers that we have heard of who make acceptable products. It is just for your reference, it is not a recommendation, and any acceptable siding with the described makeup would also be acceptable, please contact the Commission at 978-538-5777 with any questions.*