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## STAFF MEMORANDUM

Meeting Date: October 10, 2023  
DATE: October 2, 2023  
TO: Auburndale Historic District Commission  
FROM: Barbara Kurze, Senior Preservation Planner  
SUBJECT: **Additional Review Information**

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The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the members of the Auburndale Historic District Commission (Auburndale HDC) with information about the significance of the properties being reviewed and the application process, which may be useful in the review and decision-making process of the Auburndale HDC. Additional information may be presented at the meeting that the Auburndale HDC can take into consideration when discussing a Local Historic District Review application.

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Dear Auburndale HDC Members,

The following is additional information for the Local Historic District Review applications that you should have received in your meeting packet.

### Applications

#### ***337 Central Street – Certificate of Appropriateness***

**HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE:** The 1880 Queen Anne was first owned by the Reverend Elnathan Ellsworth Strong, a prominent member of Auburndale's extensive clerical community. He was a Congregationalist clergyman and editor of the "Missionary Herald", published in downtown Boston. He and his wife took in female boarders during their years of residence at 337 Central Street.

**APPLICATION PROCESS:** The owners want to replace 48 existing two-over-one wood double-hung windows with Andersen Woodwright Series 400 inserts with a two-over-one vertical grille pattern, Fibrex exterior, wood interior, and black spacer bars. The order information on page 13 states that the interior grille will be removable. (The Andersen website has the following description "Removable interior wood grilles are secured via a fastener or grille clip and can be removed enabling you to easily clean the glass surface.")

**Notes: The Commission has previously approved Andersen Woodwright Series 400 windows with the Fibrex exterior.**

Typically, commissions required interior and exterior grilles that are mechanically fastened at the factory. The fasteners or grille clips probably will not be visible from the exterior, but the commission should confirm this.

The owner and applicant were asked to provide the Andersen product cut sheet information that shows the proposed sill, SDL construction, and grille profile options; this is a standard requirement for window replacement projects. We did not get the cut sheet, instead the applicant submitted the description on page 11 titled "Newton Windows". If the description is not sufficient, the commission should require any necessary product details or include product requirements in the decision.

MATERIALS PROVIDED:

Application: <https://newtonma.viewpointcloud.com/records/786169>

**Compiled\_337 Central windows**

Assessors database map

Photos

Product description

Product order

MHC Form B

### ***81 Woodland Road – Certificate of Appropriateness***

**HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE:** The circa 1870 Colonial Revival/Italianate was first owned by retired merchant and real estate agent Samuel F. Pickering. After his death in 1878, the Newton Savings Bank seized the property; his widow, Aroline Pickering moved to the Florence Hotel in Boston. The property was conveyed to Eliza F. Dillingham, the wife of paper dealer Isaac S. Dillingham.

**APPLICATION PROCESS:** The owners want to replace the existing front entry and add a front porch. They also want to install operable wood shutters on the front of the house.

**Notes: The proposed materials are appropriate: wood for the railing system and lattice; composite for the porch decking, stair treads and risers; and pressure-treated wood only for the porch structure that will not be visible.**

**The owners would prefer to use a fiberglass column but have also submitted an option for wood. The commission should confirm if the fiberglass can be painted.**

MATERIALS PROVIDED:

Application: <https://newtonma.viewpointcloud.com/records/804079>

**Compiled\_81 Woodland front porch**

Assessors database map

Elevations

Plans

Detail and section drawings

MHC Form B

### **Administrative discussion**

Minutes: Review March, July, and September 2023 minutes

Design Guidelines: Continue discussion about draft Auburndale Historic District Commission Design Guidelines