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STAFF MEMORANDUM

Meeting Date: February 1, 2024

DATE: January 16, 2024

TO: Newtonville Historic District Commission

FROM: Barbara Kurze, Senior Preservation Planner

SUBJECT: Additional Review Information

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the members of the Newtonville Historic District Commission (Newtonville 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 Newtonville HDC. Additional information may be presented at the meeting that the Newtonville HDC can take into consideration when discussing a Local Historic District Review application.

Dear Newtonville HDC Members,

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

Applications

197 Walnut Street - Certificate of Appropriateness

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE: The house was built circa 1884 for William F. Hawley and later remodeled in the Colonial Revival style. The house had a carriage barn at 12 Page Road which later became the Red Cross Annex.

APPLICATION PROCESS: The owners want to install two sections of cedar shadowbox style fence with gates. A six-foot-tall section will connect the fence along the left property line to the left side of the house and will have a gate. A four-foot-tall section with a gate will run from the back of the house to the back fence. The commission approved the fence on the left side in February 2023.

Notes: The commission should confirm that the section to the left of the house will be 6-feet tall.

MATERIALS PROVIDED:

APPLICATION LINK: https://newtonma.viewpointcloud.com/records/813287

PDF File: Compiled 197 Walnut fence

Assessors database map

Plot plan

Sketch of fence plan

Photos

Photo of proposed fence

Administrative discussion:

Minutes: The August 2023 draft meeting minutes are included for review.