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STAFF MEMORANDUM

Meeting Date: March 12, 2024
DATE: March 5, 2024
TO: Auburndale 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 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.

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

37 Cheswick Road – Certificate of Appropriateness

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE: The Craftsman Bungalow was built circa 1915. Cheswick Road was laid out in 1897 on land that belonged to Martha L. Pemberton.

APPLICATION PROCESS: The owners want to install a black iron railing along the right side of the front walkway. The design would match the existing railing on the front entry landing.

MATERIALS PROVIDED:

APPLICATION LINK: <https://newtonma.viewpointcloud.com/records/817941>

Pdf: Compiled 37 Cheswick railings

Assessors database map

Photos

Photo with sketch of railing location

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357 Central Street – Certificate of Appropriateness

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE: The circa 1882 Italianate house was first owned by Joshua A. Jordan, a master mariner. The house lot was created in the late 1860s when Charles E. Ranlett laid out the Central Street extension that was originally named “Westview” and ran from Woodland Road to the termination on Ranlett Hill.

APPLICATION PROCESS: The owners want to change the driveway area by removing a concrete pad at the back right of the driveway and paving it with asphalt. The entire driveway would be repaved, and one row of cobblestone edging with a two- to three- inch reveal would be installed on both sides.

MATERIALS PROVIDED:

APPLICATION LINK: <https://newtonma.viewpointcloud.com/records/817754>

Pdf: Compiled 357 Central driveway edging

Assessors database map

Photos with information about the project and sketches with dimensions

Photo of granite cobblestone

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150 Woodland Road, Lasell University – Certificate of Appropriateness

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE: The Colonial Revival/Shingle style house was built circa 1892 by Boston businessman Albert Van Wagenen for his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Howard P. Converse. Howard Converse was a construction engineer noted for the building of Commonwealth Pier in Boston. Lasell Junior College purchased the house in 1959 for use as a dormitory.

APPLICATION PROCESS: The University wants to repair existing bay, leaded, and stained-glass windows. Other double hung and fixed windows will be repaired, and, if they cannot be repaired, will be replaced with two-over-two Marvin aluminum-clad wood windows. All the exterior railings will be replaced with a 42-inch-tall composite AZEK railing system. A new set of stairs and an accessible lift will be installed on the left side, at the porch area behind the two-story bay.

MATERIALS PROVIDED:

APPLICATION LINK: <https://newtonma.viewpointcloud.com/records/818362>

Pdf: Compiled 150 Woodland

Assessors database map

Photos

Site plan

Elevations

Floor plans

Product details

Photos of AZEK railing sample

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Administrative discussion

Minutes: The January and February 2024 draft minutes are ready for review.