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STAFF MEMORANDUM

Meeting Date: October 8, 2024
DATE: September 30, 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 review of the Local Historic District Review applications.

Applications

150 Woodland Road – 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: Lasell University wants to install heat pumps at the back of the building. They have planted evergreens along the path to the basement door as screening.

Note: The applicants were asked to investigate whether the pumps could be moved so as not to block the basement windows and if any of them could be located under the back entry area.

MATERIALS PROVIDED:

APPLICATION LINK: <https://newtonma.viewpointcloud.com/records/841373>

Pdf: Compiled 150 Woodland

Assessors database map
Site plan
Elevations
Photos
MHC Form B

Administrative Discussion

Minutes: Review September 2024 minutes