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Alice Ingerson
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Dear Alice,

On behalf of the Newton Historical Commission, I am writing to affirm that schematic plans for the proposed work at the New Art Center, 61 Washington Park, appear to conform with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. The former sanctuary and former parsonage buildings as currently connected are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Both buildings will be restored, with slate roofing to be repaired on the historic buildings. New slate roofing will be installed on the new connector structure. Wood windows are slated to be replaced in-kind with a clad exterior, and stained-glass windows will be removed, repaired and reinstalled.

As a National Register-listed historic structure, the proposed demolition work located between the two buildings and on the north façade meets the requirements for review by the Newton Historical Commission. The project will appear for review on the September 27th, 2018 agenda.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Katy Hax Holmes".

Katy Hax Holmes
Chief, Preservation Planning