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STAFF MEMORANDUM

Meeting Date: February 20, 2020
DATE: February 12, 2020
TO: Chestnut Hill 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 Chestnut Hill Historic District Commission (Chestnut Hill 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 Chestnut Hill HDC. Additional information may be presented at the meeting that the Chestnut Hill HDC can take into consideration when discussing a Local Historic District Review application.

Dear Chestnut Hill HDC Members,

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

Applications

29 Lee Road – Certificate of Appropriateness

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE: A subdivision bounded by Lee Road, Lawrence and Reservoir Avenues, and Beacon Street is shown in the 1874 City Atlas; however, the first houses on Lee Road were not built until 1905. The first owner of the 1907 Craftsman house was the home of William Spaulding. The 1910 Federal Census lists William as living in the house with his wife Carrie, sons Richard and Philip, and servants Mary McGilwary and Margaret Irwin. William's occupation is listed as merchant in the leather industry.

APPLICATION PROCESS: The owners are requesting approval of the as-built garage roof. They were approved to repair and restore the existing slate roof but replaced the roof with GAF Slateline shingles as the slate shingles were too thin to be reused.

MATERIALS PROVIDED:

MHC Form B
Site plan
Photographs

17 Chestnut Hill Terrace – Certificate of Appropriateness

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE: The 1929 English Revival house was first owned by Harry E. and Gertrude M. MacDonald. The 1934 Newton Directory lists Harry MacDonald's place of work as Engineers Inc at 131 State Street in Boston.

APPLICATION PROCESS: The owners want to replace the damaged garage door with a steel overhead door. Staff advised the applicant that metal doors are usually not approved and recommended that they bring options for wood doors to the meeting that also have the appearance of separate swing-out doors.

MATERIALS PROVIDED:

MHC Form B
Photographs
Product information
Drawing

Administrative Discussion

Minutes: The draft January meeting minutes have been included for your review.

Hammond Street fences: Continue the discussion on prioritizing the violations and next steps, including letters to owners and coordinating with Inspectional Services.