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STAFF MEMORANDUM

Meeting Date: July 14, 2020
DATE: July 7, 2020
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

99 Hancock Street – Certificate of Appropriateness

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE: The 1912 stucco Craftsman house was designed by John J. McCarthy of Dorchester and built by Charles S. Blair of Auburndale. The owner was Harry W. Greenleaf.

APPLICATION PROCESS: The owners want to replace the existing wood gutters with fiberglass gutters that have the historic profile. Fiberglass gutters have the advantages of not requiring the maintenance that wood gutters require and of carrying a much larger volume of water which means the building is better protected from water damage. The Commission approved a similar project at 147 Hancock Street which was successfully completed in 2018.

MATERIALS PROVIDED:
Assessor's database map
MHC Form B

Product information
Photographs

29 Fern Street, Unit 1 – Certificate of Appropriateness

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE: The circa 1894 Colonial Revival house was built as a two-family. The first owner was William B. Herrick worked at 4 Ashburton Place in Boston. The 1900 U.S. Federal Census shows that he lived in the house with his wife Lucy, sons Olin and William, and daughters Marion and Florence. His occupation is listed as Teachers Agency Assistant Manager.

APPLICATION PROCESS: The owner needs to install an accessible ramp and is proposing a metal ramp system that will go from the driveway area to the rear entrance.

MATERIALS PROVIDED:

Photographs
Ramp plan
Product and material specifications

Administrative Discussion

Minutes: Review the draft minutes for the May meeting.

Commission elections: The Commission is required to vote for Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary at the beginning of the fiscal year. Currently serving are Italo Visco as Chair, Nancy Grissom as Vice Chair and Martin Smargiassi as Secretary. Because he has moved to an Alternate Member position, Martin Smargiassi does not want to be re-appointed as Secretary.