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STAFF MEMORANDUM

Meeting Date: June 9, 2020
DATE: June 2, 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

315 Central Street – Certificate of Appropriateness

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE: The house was built circa 1952 for Melvin H. Molzen and the architect and builder was Everett Fay Bishop of Waltham. Molzen was an accountant and lived in the house with his wife Geneva Woodman Molzen.

APPLICATION PROCESS: The owners want to repave the existing asphalt driveway and expand it to replace the planting areas on the right side of the house/attached garage and in front of the shed with asphalt. They also want to rebuild the concrete block retaining wall on the right side of the driveway and extend it to the back of the shed. The proposed driveway expansion will be visible; the concrete block wall extension probably will not be visible.

MATERIALS PROVIDED:
Photographs

Plan

37 Hancock Street – Certificate of Appropriateness

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE: The Colonial Revival house was constructed circa 1925. The house was first occupied by Miles P. and Eva A. Barrows.

APPLICATION PROCESS: The owners want to install an eight-foot-high closed board wood fence at the back of the property which would transition to a six-foot-high closed board fence along the side property lines. A black aluminum picket fence would connect the wood fence to the left side of the garage, connect the garage to the rear of the house, and continue the fence along the right property line and connect to the right rear of the house. The application refers to five-foot-tall and four-foot-tall sections of the metal fence. Three metal gates will be installed.

The Commission granted a Certificate of Appropriateness for a similar fence plan at the neighboring property 33 Hancock Street. The eight-foot-high sections require approval by the Urban Design Commission as this is taller than allowed by the Newton fence ordinance.

They also want to install an exterior light fixture over the garage door.

MATERIALS PROVIDED:

Assessor's database map

MHC Form B

Project description

Fence plans

Photographs

Product and material specifications

Decision for 33 Hancock Street

Administrative Discussion

Minutes: Draft minutes for the May meeting are not ready and will be sent out with the next meeting packet

Commission elections: The Commission is required to vote for Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary at the beginning of the fiscal year. The vote will be held at the next regularly scheduled meeting.