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STAFF MEMORANDUM

Meeting Date: December 3, 2020
DATE: November 19, 2020
TO: Newtonville 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 Newtonville Historic District Commission (Newtonville 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 Newtonville HDC. Additional information may be presented at the meeting that the Newtonville HDC can take into consideration when discussing a Local Historic District Review application.

Dear Newtonville HDC Members,

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

Applications

33-35 Page Road (formerly 25 Page Road) – Certificate of Appropriateness

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE: The circa 1906 Colonial Revival house was first owned by William Price who worked as a buyer in Boston. The 1910 U.S. Federal Census shows that he was a buyer for a wool factory and that he lived in the house with his wife Emma W. Price, his sister Anna and servant Annie Healy.

APPLICATION PROCESS: The owners want to continue the wood fencing to enclose the right rear corner of the property. They also want to install pea stone paver strips or grass pavers at the end of the driveway. The fencing will be visible from Page Road and the pea stone paver strips probably will not be visible.

MATERIALS PROVIDED:

Assessors database map
Site plan
Photographs
Material information

34 Prescott Street – Certificate of Appropriateness

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE: The circa 1890 Colonial Revival house was built on the site of an earlier house. The carriage house appears to pre-date the house and was part of an 1880s estate. Levi Cooley, who worked as a china decorator in Boston, owned the property. The 1910 U.S. Federal Census lists him as the owner of a china factory and living in the house with his wife Agnes S., son Richard L., and servants Elizabeth S. and Margaret Miller.

APPLICATION PROCESS: This review of the proposed project to renovate the carriage house and convert it to a single-family unit is continued from previous working sessions. **Staff has advised the applicants that any exterior elements not included in the submitted files, or any items where the Commission determines that they need more detailed information, are not considered approved and will have to be submitted for review at a future meeting.**

MATERIALS PROVIDED:

Assessors database map
Site plan
Plans
Elevations
Photographs
Material information

47 Prescott Street – Certificate of Appropriateness

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE: 47 Prescott Street was built in 1940. There is no MHC Form B for this property. Building Permit records show that bookkeeper Hughena Fraser was the owner in 1940. Giles M. Smith of the Boston firm Wadsworth and Smith (formerly Bigelow, Wadsworth, Hubbard, and Smith) was the architect, and the builders were Clarke & Tait, Inc. of Allston.

APPLICATION PROCESS: This review is continued from previous meetings. The owners want to expand and change the left side connector and garage to create additional living space, to change the front entry, and to add new dormers to the main house. The house will be re-sided, and a new roof put on.

MATERIALS PROVIDED:

Assessors database map
Site plan
Plans
Elevations
Details
Photographs
Product and material information

Administrative discussion:

Minutes: The November draft meeting minutes are included for your review.