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STAFF MEMORANDUM

Meeting Date: July 2, 2020
DATE: June 23, 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

209 Walnut Street – Certificate of Appropriateness

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE: The house is documented as having been built in 1891 but may have been built earlier. The 1886 Beers Atlas shows a house with a similar footprint on the property; the owner had the last name of Jones. The 1895 Bromley Atlas shows the owner as Laura E. Gordon who lived in the house with her husband A. L. Gordon. By 1899, the house was owned by Arthur C. Walworth who lived at 131 Centre Street and worked in Boston in the steam heating apparatus business. Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Allen, their daughters Maude L., Mildred V. and physician John B. Martin lived in the house.

APPLICATION PROCESS: The owners want to remove all the existing fencing and gates and replace it with scalloped closed board cedar fencing. The existing fences are a combination of shadow-box, post and rail with wire mesh, open picket and scalloped closed board designs. The proposed fencing will be six feet high in most locations with some four-foot-high sections close to the

sidewalks on Walnut and Foster Streets. They will also install wooden gates on the left and right side of the house.

MATERIALS PROVIDED:

Assessors database map

MHC Form B

Project description

Photographs

Product information

Fence plans

47 Prescott Street – Working Session

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: The owners would like feedback on the proposal to expand and change the left side connector and garage to additional living space, to change the front entry, and to add new dormers to the main house.

MATERIALS PROVIDED:

Assessors database map

Site plan

Plans

Elevations

Photographs

Administrative discussion:

Minutes: The March and May draft meeting minutes are included for your review.

Commission Elections: Commission to vote on Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary.

161 Walnut Street violations: Staff will provide an update on the outstanding window items and the work that was started on the driveway.