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STAFF MEMORANDUM

Meeting Date: March 5, 2020
DATE: February 20, 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

25 Page Road – Certificate of Appropriateness

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE: The circa 1898 Colonial Revival house was owned by Mark C. Taylor who was a flour salesman with a firm at 172 State Street in Boston. He lived in the house with his wife Thankful, daughters Edith and Helen D., and servant Mary Hines.

APPLICATION PROCESS: The owners want to change the previously approved hardscape plan. They want to change the rear patio configuration from one patio to two patio areas and move the location of the rear porch stairs from the back of the porch to the side of the porch. A row of Versablocks would be installed behind the house to help with drainage on the site. A granite cap would be added to the basement egress wall that is on the left side (Lowell Street side); the cap would tie in with the existing foundation. The concrete steps leading from the sidewalk up to the house would be replaced with granite that would tie in with the foundation and the egress wall cap; the concrete sides to the front stairs and the secondary set of stairs to the street would be

removed. They also want to add a brick walkway to connect the driveway with the secondary porch.

MATERIALS PROVIDED:

Previously approved site plans and drawings

Revised site plans and drawings

Photographs

Product and material information

Administrative discussion:

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

161 Walnut Street: The owner still needs to apply for the remaining items that are in violation. Staff has been in contact with him about the application requirements.