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## STAFF MEMORANDUM

Meeting Date: October 1, 2020  
DATE: September 17, 2020  
TO: Newtonville Historic District Commission  
FROM: Barbara Kurze, Senior Preservation Planner  
SUBJECT: **Additional Review Information**

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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.

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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

#### ***161 Walnut Street – Certificate of Hardship (Violation)***

**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:** This review is continued from previous meetings. The owners are requesting a Certificate of Hardship for the enclosed second-story three-season porch and new windows which is in violation. A Certificate of Appropriateness was denied in the August meeting and the owner agreed in writing to continue the review for hardship. To grant a Certificate of Hardship, the Commission must find that ALL of the following criteria apply: 1) there is **substantial hardship** (for example, financial, safety); and 2) there is **no substantial detriment** to the public welfare; and 3) there is **no substantial derogation** from the intent and purposes of the

Commission which is to promote the preservation and protection of the distinctive characteristics of buildings and places in the district.

**MATERIALS PROVIDED:**

Photographs of Existing

Photographs of Historic

Quote to replace existing enclosure and windows

***34 Prescott Street – Working Session***

**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:** The applicants would like feedback on a proposed project to renovate the carriage house and convert it to a single-family unit.

**MATERIALS PROVIDED:**

Photographs

Plans

**Administrative discussion:**

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