

# City of Newton, Massachusetts

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# MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARINGS NEWTONVILLE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

DATE:	December 3, 2020
PLACE/TIME:	Full Remote Zoom Meeting 7:30 p.m.
ATTENDING:	Jim Gross, Chair Ralph Abele, Member Mark Chudy, Member John Martin, Member Dave Morton, Member Barbara Wales, Member Tarik Lucas, Alternate Barbara Kurze, Commission Staff
ABSENT:	Nancy Grissom, Member Peter Mooradian, Alternate

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with Jim Gross presiding as Chair. Voting permanent members were R. Abele, M. Chudy, J. Martin, D. Morton, and B. Wales. Alternate T. Lucas was appointed to vote as full member. B. Kurze acted as recording secretary and the meeting was digitally recorded on Zoom.

R. Abele recused himself.

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

Dan Powdermaker presented an application to continue the wood fencing to enclose the right rear corner of the property, and to install pea stone paver strips or grass pavers at the end of the driveway.

<u>Materials Reviewed:</u> Assessors database map Site plan Photographs Material information



Commission members agreed that the fence and grass pavers were appropriate. T. Lucas moved to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness for the application as submitted. J. Gross seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0 with one recusal.

#### **RECORD OF ACTION:**

**DATE:** December 4, 2020 **SUBJECT:** 33-35 Page Road – Certificate of Appropriateness

At a scheduled meeting and public hearing on December 3, 2020 the Newtonville Historic District Commission, by roll call vote of <u>5-0</u>, and one recusal

**RESOLVED** to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness for the application as submitted for <u>33-35 Page Road</u> to install a fence section at the rear of the right property line and concrete grass pavers at the end of the driveway.

Voting in the Affirmative:

Jim Gross, Chair Barbara Wales, Member John Martin, Member Tarik Lucas, Alternate David Morton, Member

Recused:

Ralph Abele, Member

M. Chudy recused himself.

#### 34 Prescott Street – Certificate of Appropriateness

This review was continued from previous meetings. Terry Morris, Joni Shehu and Eric Zachrison presented an application to renovate the carriage house and convert it to a single-family unit. They presented the drawings including information about the wood windows with insulated glazing customized to fit the existing openings, the venting plan, the raised patio in the front, and the other hardscaping and landscaping elements. They planned to use the existing foundation and put new drainage around it. They would come back to the Commission if that was not possible.

<u>Materials Reviewed:</u> Assessors database map Site plan Plans Elevations Photographs Material information

Commission members agreed that the plans and materials were appropriate. J. Martin moved to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness for the application as submitted. B. Wales seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0 with one recusal.

#### **RECORD OF ACTION:**

**DATE:** December 4, 2020 **SUBJECT:** 34 Prescott Street – Certificate of Appropriateness At a scheduled meeting and public hearing on December 3, 2020 the Newtonville Historic District Commission, by roll call vote of 6-0, with one recusal

**RESOLVED** to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness for the application as submitted for 34 Prescott Street to renovate the existing carriage house and install condensers, hardscaping and parking.

Voting in the Affirmative:

Jim Gross. Chair David Morton, Member Ralph Abele, Member Barbara Wales, Member

John Martin, Member Tarik Lucas, Alternate

Recused: Mark Chudy, Member

T. Lucas recused himself.

### 47 Prescott Street – Certificate of Appropriateness

This review was continued from previous meetings. Jay Walter presented an application to expand and change the left side connector and garage to create additional living space, to change the front entry, to add new dormers to the main house, reside the house with wood siding and install a new asphalt architectural shingle roof. They would use fiberglass gutters and keep the chimney and the existing two-wide driveway.

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

Commission members agreed that the project was appropriate. R. Abele moved to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness for the application as submitted. J. Gross seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0 with one recusal.

## **RECORD OF ACTION:**

DATE: December 4, 2020 **SUBJECT:** 47 Prescott Street – Certificate of Appropriateness

At a scheduled meeting and public hearing on December 3, 2020 the Newtonville Historic District Commission, by roll call vote of 5-0, with one recusal

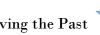
RESOLVED to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness for the application as submitted for 47 Prescott Street to renovate the house, build-up the left side, add front and rear dormers, and change the front entry.

#### Voting in the Affirmative:

Jim Gross, Chair David Morton, Member Ralph Abele, Member Barbara Wales, Member John Martin, Member

Recused: Tarik Lucas, Alternate

#### **Administrative Discussion**



Minutes: The November meeting minutes were approved.

<u>Outdated jargon</u>: Commission members discussed whether it was appropriate to point out insensitive terminology to applicants, such as "master bedroom". Staff advised that it was fine to point out these terms and noted that the City and the Planning Department were making a conscious effort to eliminate terms that could be perceived as racist or sexist.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Recorded by B. Kurze, Senior Preservation Planner

