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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.

Materials Reviewed:

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 5-0, and one recusal

RESOLVED to **grant** a Certificate of Appropriateness for the application as submitted for 33-35 Page Road 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

John Martin, Member

David Morton, Member

Barbara Wales, Member

Tarik Lucas, Alternate

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.

Materials Reviewed:

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	Ralph Abele, Member	John Martin, Member
David Morton, Member	Barbara Wales, 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	Ralph Abele, Member	John Martin, Member
David Morton, Member	Barbara Wales, Member	

Recused:

Tarik Lucas, Alternate

Administrative Discussion

Minutes: The November meeting minutes were approved.

Outdated jargon: 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