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STAFF MEMORANDUM

Meeting Date: January 7, 2021
DATE: December 28, 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

56 Central Avenue – Certificate of Appropriateness

Note: Turner Terrace is a private street; the Commission does not have jurisdiction over features that are only visible from Turner Terrace.

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE: The circa 1882 Queen Anne house was built for John N. and Harriet Allen. John Allen worked as a printer and engraver in Boston.

APPLICATION PROCESS: The owners want to remove the secondary chimney at the back of the house. The larger chimney on the right side will remain.

MATERIALS PROVIDED:

Photographs

MHC Form B

161 Walnut Street – Certificate of Appropriateness (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 were denied a Certificate of Hardship in the October meeting for the enclosed second-story three-season porch and new windows which are in violation. The owners are proposing replacing the single left side window with a triple window made up of one-over-one windows. The original windows were multi-lite windows (photographs are included in the packet.)

If the Commission moves to approve the application, there should be a requirement that the owner start the work within a specific timeframe. If the Commission determines that there is still not enough detail to understand what the triple window will look like when it is installed, the applicant must agree in writing to continue the review to a future meeting, or the Commission must deny the application on the grounds that there is not enough information. The owner can then resubmit once they have the required information.

The owner also needs to address the driveway retaining wall violation.

MATERIALS PROVIDED:

Photographs

Sketches

Product information

Administrative discussion:

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