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STAFF MEMORANDUM

Meeting Date: January 12, 2021

DATE: December 29, 2020

TO: Auburndale 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 Auburndale Historic District Commission (Auburndale 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 Auburndale HDC. Additional information may be presented at the meeting that the Auburndale HDC can take into consideration when discussing a Local Historic District Review application.

Dear Auburndale HDC Members,

The following is additional information for the Local Historic District Review applications that you should have received in your meeting packet.

Applications

21 Lasell Street – Certificate of Appropriateness

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE: The Queen Anne house was built circa 1884. The first resident and possible owner was Mrs. Marion L. Morris. The 1880 U.S. Federal Census shows Marion L. Morris lived in the Vine Hotel in Boston with her husband William F. Morris, son William L., daughter Madeline P., and mother-in-law Mary. William's occupation was listed as bank clerk.

APPLICATION PROCESS: The owners want to build a basement-level rear addition; rebuild the rear deck, adding a landing and stair; and add a rear patio. New windows will be added on the left side and back of the house. The retaining walls will be reconfigured.

MATERIALS PROVIDED: Assessors database map MHC Form B Site plan Photographs
Elevations
Plans
Product and material information

Administrative Discussion

Minutes: Review the draft minutes for the December meeting.