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STAFF MEMORANDUM

Meeting Date: February 4, 2021
DATE: January 26, 2021
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

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.

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

MATERIALS PROVIDED:

Photographs

Sketches

Product information

Administrative discussion:

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