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STAFF MEMORANDUM

Meeting Date: February 18, 2021
DATE: February 10, 2021
TO: Chestnut Hill 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 Chestnut Hill Historic District Commission (Chestnut Hill 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 Chestnut Hill HDC. Additional information may be presented at the meeting that the Chestnut Hill HDC can take into consideration when discussing a Local Historic District Review application.

Dear Chestnut Hill HDC Members,

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

Applications

8 Lawrence Road (formerly 321 Hammond Street) – Working Session

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE: The 1897 Queen Anne house was first owned by J. Warren Merrill who was a bank trustee in Boston at 1004 in the Tremont Building. In 1901, he had moved to Boston and was leasing the house to Mr. and Mrs. James M. Parker.

APPLICATION PROCESS: The owners want feedback on two proposed projects. One is to replace the existing windows. Staff talked to the owners to let them know that the Commission expects applicants to first explore restoration of historic windows and that Commission members can do a site visit to examine existing conditions. The owners have contacted the company that will restore the windows at 9 Old Orchard Road. They also want feedback on the proposed Pella windows.

The other project is to change the design of the porch.

MATERIALS PROVIDED:

Drawings

Aerial view
Photographs
Product information

45 Old England Road – Certificate of Appropriateness

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE: A new house was approved to be built on the property in 2018. It replaced a house built in 1978 by architect Thomas Larson with TAC (The Architects Collaborative.)

APPLICATION PROCESS: The owners want to change the Cape Neddick granite that was approved for the stone walkways, piers and terrace. The proposed granite is Englishman’s Bay.

MATERIALS PROVIDED:

Site plan
Photographs

9 Old Orchard Road – Certificate of Appropriateness

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE: This is a significant property in the district and in the City of Newton; the property is individually listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The circa 1714 main house block is one of the earliest surviving structures in Newton. In 1919, owners William H. and Dorothy G. Coburn hired architect Joseph Everett Chandler to restore interior features and the exterior clapboards. Chandler specialized in the Colonial Revival style and extensively studied colonial buildings in the eastern U.S. He restored and renovated a number of important historic Massachusetts structures, including the Mayflower House in Plymouth (1898), the Old State House (1908), the Paul Revere House (1908), and The House of the Seven Gables in Salem (1909.) In 1930, architect Harold Field Kellogg designed the two large wings, and attached garage.

APPLICATION PROCESS: The owners want to finalize the design for the rear addition to include the skylights, rear door and music room door. They also want to get approval for the window restoration program, and the repair and replacement of damaged siding.

MATERIALS PROVIDED:

Project description
Photographs
Drawings
Information about products and materials

Administrative Discussion

Minutes: The December meeting minutes are included for review.