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## STAFF MEMORANDUM

Meeting Date: April 13, 2021  
DATE: April 2, 2021  
TO: Auburndale Historic District Commission  
FROM: Barbara Kurze, Senior Preservation Planner  
SUBJECT: **Additional Review Information**

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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.

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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**

#### ***19 Fern Street – Certificate of Appropriateness***

**HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE:** The 1920 Colonial Revival house was designed by J. B. Parkhurst at 19 Congress Street in Boston and built by H. B. Brown at 87 Gordon Street in Somerville. The owner was Helen Cook. In 1923, Henry G. Haynes were listed as living in the house. He is listed in the 1930 U.S. Federal Census as an office manager for a machinery company and living in the house with his wife Hannah and son Henry G. Haynes, Jr.

**APPLICATION PROCESS:** The owners want to build a shed at the back of the property in the far-right corner.

**MATERIALS PROVIDED:**  
Assessors database map  
Site plan  
Product information  
Photographs

**41 Hancock Street – Certificate of Appropriateness**

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE: The circa 1885 Colonial Revival/Shingle style house is distinguished by its intersecting wings – front gable roof and side gambrel roofs. Lewis M. Norton owned the house and was a Chemistry professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Boston where he founded the first course in chemical engineering. Norton died in 1893 but his wife and five children continued to live in the house until at least 1900.

APPLICATION PROCESS: The owners want to replace the bluestone paver front walkway with gray Yankee Cobble concrete pavers in a contemporary pattern with a darker concrete paver border. Three landscape lights would be installed on each side of the walkway (six total.) **Note: the marked-up site plan does not show the existing and proposed walkway; the Commission should confirm what the proposed width and configuration is, and that they are appropriate.**

The existing closed board wood fence along the right property line and the rear property line will be replaced with fencing to match the fences recently approved for the neighboring properties at 33 and 37 Hancock Street. The height of the back fence will be increased from six feet to eight feet which is consistent with what was approved for the neighboring properties. A wood gate will also be replaced. A four-foot high and six-foot high fence section to the left of the back deck will also be replaced.

**MATERIALS PROVIDED:**

Project description

Assessors database map

Photographs

Product and material specifications

**324 Central Street – Certificate of Appropriateness**

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE: The circa 1870 Italianate style house was built for Baptist clergyman John Jennings. In 1870, he was living in the house with his wife Susan and daughter Alice.

APPLICATION PROCESS: The owners want to replace the siding with HardiePlank and for feedback on appropriate corner boards and other trim elements. Note: the application says that the existing siding is aluminum, but the Assessors database and the MHC inventory form state that it is vinyl.

**MATERIALS PROVIDED:**

Assessors database map

Photographs

Product information

**29 Lasell Street – Working Session**

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE: The 1947 Colonial Revival Capes was designed by William A. Medlicott and built by H.H. Hawkins Sons Company.

APPLICATION PROCESS: The owners want feedback on project to left side addition by raising the roof to be the same height as the main house block and changing the front entry by adding a shed dormer. A two-story rear addition and screened porch would be added at the back. The existing deck would be enlarged.

**MATERIALS PROVIDED:**

Assessors database map

Site plan

Plans

Elevations

Photographs

Product and material information

***192 Grove Street – Certificate of Appropriateness***

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE: The circa 1872 Italianate house was owned by widow Adeline D. Adams.

APPLICATION PROCESS: The owners want to replace the existing fence. The fence sections facing Grove Street would be wood fencing painted white; 4.5 foot tall closed board fence with a 1.5 foot lattice topper. The sections between 192 and 204 Grove Street and at the back of the property would be replaced with a six-foot tall closed board vinyl fence. Vinyl fences that do not have the appearance of a traditional wood fence and that are visible from the public way are not appropriate. Several gates would be replaced.

**MATERIALS PROVIDED:**

Assessors database map with fence sketch

Diagram from fence company

Project description

Photographs

Product information

**Administrative Discussion**

Minutes: Review the draft minutes for the March meeting.