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STAFF MEMORANDUM

Meeting Date: June 3, 2021
DATE: May 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

133 Lowell Avenue – Certificate of Appropriateness

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE: The Queen Anne house was built circa 1880.

APPLICATION PROCESS: The owners want to build landscaping walls on the right side of the driveway and along the front of the property where it will meet up with the neighbor's driveway pier.

MATERIALS PROVIDED:

Photographs

Site plan with sketch of wall locations

Detail sketch of wall intersection with neighbor's driveway pier

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: The owner wants to remove the front steps and infill the front retaining wall. They want to remove the wall along the driveway and build a new retaining wall, entry steps from the driveway, and stone piers with light fixtures. The existing asphalt driveway would be expanded along the side of the house and around the back (approximately 500 square feet of paving will be added); drainage would be installed. The driveway side deck would be replaced and the deck on the left side of the house would be replaced and enlarged.

The owner was asked to provide mortar samples to confirm that the existing mortar color could be matched.

There is an existing violation because the owner started work to remove part the wall along the driveway and do work on the driveway without approvals.

MATERIALS PROVIDED:

Project description

Site plan with drainage requirements

Site plan marked up to show proposed changes

Existing plan

Photographs

Elevations

Proposed plan

Product and material information

Stone wall construction details

Deck detail drawings

Product and material information

Administrative discussion:

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