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STAFF MEMORANDUM

Meeting Date: August 12, 2021
DATE: July 30, 2021
TO: Newton Upper Falls 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 Newton Upper Falls Historic District Commission (Newton Upper Falls 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 Newton Upper Falls HDC. Additional information may be presented at the meeting that the Newton Upper Falls HDC can take into consideration when discussing a Local Historic District Review application.

Dear Newton Upper Falls HDC Members,

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

Applications

26 Linden Street – Certificate of Appropriateness (Violations)

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE: The Colonial Revival/Four Square house was built in 1909.

APPLICATION PROCESS: The owners removed and reinstalled a side window, and replaced a side door with a Jeld-Wen door without Commission review and approval. **Owner to provide information about the location of the door and window. Staff advised that commission would most likely require that the replacement door match the design of the door that was removed.**

MATERIALS PROVIDED:

Assessors database map
Photographs
Product information
MHC Form B

959 Chestnut Street – Remediation of Violation

APPLICATION PROCESS: This review is continued from previous meetings. The owner submitted plans to remediate the as-built rear addition right-side basement area, installed basement windows, and increased exposure of the basement foundation which are in violation by installing window wells and changing the grade.

959 Chestnut Street – Certificate of Hardship

APPLICATION PROCESS: This review is continued from previous meetings. The owner was denied a Certificate of Appropriateness for the application to change the previously approved fiberglass gutters to aluminum. The Commission must review the application for a Certificate of Hardship.

MATERIALS PROVIDED:

Assessors database map

Photographs

Product and material information

Elevations

959 Chestnut Street – Applications for Building Height and Stairs, etc. at the Rear Elevation

The Commission determined that the building height and the stairs, grading, etc., at the rear elevation were in violation and the Metropolitan Area Planning Council upheld the determination of violation. Applications for a Certificate of Appropriateness, Non-Applicability or Hardship cannot be submitted for these items. What is required is the submission of a remediation plan to work through the violation.

Administrative discussion:

Minutes: Review draft March minutes.

Meeting schedules: Discuss options to manage lengthy meeting agendas