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# STAFF MEMORANDUM

Meeting Date: October 12, 2021

DATE: October 5, 2021

TO: Auburndale 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 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.

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

#### 256 Woodland Road – Certificate of Appropriateness

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE: The circa 1926 Colonial Revival house was first owned by William and Grace Tenney. William worked as an insurance agent in Boston.

APPLICATION PROCESS: The owner wants to install a wrought iron fence along the front of the property.

MATERIALS PROVIDED: Fence plan Photographs

## 29 Hawthorne Avenue – Certificate of Appropriateness

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE: The circa 1909 Colonial Revival/Craftsman house was first owned by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Goodman.

APPLICATION PROCESS: The applicants want to amend the previously approved plans for the renovation of the house and addition. They are proposing minor changes to the window program and to the back entry.

MATERIALS PROVIDED: Project description Site plans Elevations Photographs Assessors database map Product information

## 298 Central Street – Certificate of Appropriateness

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE: The circa 1896 Colonial Revival/Queen Anne house may have been built as a speculative real estate investment as it remained vacant until 1900, when Helen F. Lamson purchased the house. The 1895 City Atlas shows that O. Heustis owned the lot and that there was a house on the property by 1895.

APPLICATION PROCESS: The owners want to replace the front door with a fiberglass door and to replace the wood clapboard siding with HardiePlank clapboard siding. They also want to replace the trim elements, door and window casings, and the water table (skirts) with PVC/composite products. They have provided some information and photographs for the PVC/composite trim elements and other architectural elements, but the commission may require samples or more information if it is not clear that the proposed products will have an appropriate appearance and finish.

MATERIALS PROVIDED: Contract MHC Form B Product information Photographs

## 29 Lasell Street – Certificate of Appropriateness

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

APPLICATION PROCESS: The owners want feedback on a proposal to amend the previously approved plans by adding three dormers.

MATERIALS PROVIDED: Plan Elevation Previously approved project documents

# 27 Cheswick Road – Determination of Violation and Request for Amendment

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE: The circa 1901 Shingle Style house was first owned by Arthur B. Sederquist, a banker in Boston.

APPLICATION PROCESS: The owners added a railing system to the left side window well area which was not on the approved plans. The Commission must make a formal determination of violation if the as-built railing system was not part

of the approved plans. The owners can then request that the commission approve an amendment for the as-built window well railing system. If the Commission denies the amendment, the next step is for the Commission to give the owners direction on how to remediate the violation, and for the owners to come back with a remediation plan.

MATERIALS PROVIDED: Photographs

## 27 Cheswick Road – Certificate of Appropriateness (Violation)

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE: The circa 1901 Shingle Style house was first owned by Arthur B. Sederquist, a banker in Boston.

APPLICATION PROCESS: The owners installed a railing at the left-side entry stairs that was not reviewed by the commission. They are requesting approval of the as-built railing system. If the commission denies the as-built railing, the next step is for the commission to make a formal determination of violation and give the owners direction on how to remediate the violation. The owners must then come back with a remediation plan.

MATERIALS PROVIDED: Photographs