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STAFF MEMORANDUM

Meeting Date: November 18, 2021
DATE: November 5, 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

329 Hammond Street – Certificate of Hardship (Violation)

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE: The 1898 Colonial Revival style house was designed and built by Newton builder William Pettigrew for Charles B. Butterfield. William Pettigrew was also active in Brookline at this time; he built at least two houses - 1140 Boylston Street (1899, architects Chapman, Frazer and Bliss) and 2 Gardner Road (1894, architect Eugene L. Clark).

APPLICATION PROCESS: This review is continued from previous meetings. The owners are requesting a Certificate of Hardship for the fence along Hammond Street.

MATERIALS PROVIDED:

Assessors database map with fence location
Photographs

329 Hammond Street – Certificate of Appropriateness (Violation)

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE: The 1898 Colonial Revival style house was designed and built by Newton builder William Pettigrew for Charles B. Butterfield. William Pettigrew was also active in Brookline at this time; he built at least two houses - 1140 Boylston Street (1899, architects Chapman, Frazer and Bliss) and 2 Gardner Road (1894, architect Eugene L. Clark).

APPLICATION PROCESS: This review is continued from previous meetings. The owners are requesting approval of the condensers that were replaced in-kind and the new generator that was installed on the right side of the house.

MATERIALS PROVIDED:

Assessors database map with location of equipment
Photographs
MHC Form B

95 Suffolk Road – Final Project Approval

APPLICATION PROCESS: The owner is requesting final approval of the hardscaping and screening of the utility box. The fences and gates were not installed.

MATERIALS PROVIDED:

Photographs
Approved plans

127 Essex Road – Certificate of Appropriateness

APPLICATION PROCESS: The owners want to install a generator on the side of the house facing Hammond Street.

MATERIALS PROVIDED:

Elevations
Plans
Photographs
Product specifications

45 Old England Road – Final Project Approval

APPLICATION PROCESS: The owner is requesting final approval of the hardscaping, switch gear box and switch gear box structure and screening, driveway and driveway plantings, and the landscaping. The utility poles have not yet been removed as the owners are waiting for permits to put the utilities underground.

MATERIALS PROVIDED:

Photographs
Approved plans

9 Old Orchard Road – Certificate of Appropriateness

APPLICATION PROCESS: The owners want to replace the entire roof on the house, including the roof of the rear addition, with a new roof shingle. They also want to change the skylight program to replace four

existing skylights (two of which were to be removed per the approved plans), and to eliminate two new skylights that were approved to be added.

There are other items on the application form; however, these will not be reviewed as no materials were submitted.

MATERIALS PROVIDED:

Project description

Photographs

25 Essex Road – Final Project Approval

APPLICATION PROCESS: The owner is requesting final approval of the rear addition, screened porch and retaining wall.

MATERIALS PROVIDED:

Photographs

Approved plans

67 Old Orchard Road – Certificate of Appropriateness

APPLICATION PROCESS: The owners want to install a door for the garden structure that is visible from Old England Road.

MATERIALS PROVIDED:

Photographs

Drawings

400 Beacon Street – Certificate of Hardship

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE: The circa 1881 Peabody and Stearns English Revival house was built for William Richardson Dupee on land purchased from John and Joseph Woodman. Dupee worked at 590 Atlantic Avenue in Boston and was listed in the 1884 Newton City Directory as working as a wool merchant at 115 Federal Street in Boston. The house was later owned by Mary Baker Eddy who established the Church of Christ, Scientist in 1879. The property is individually listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

APPLICATION PROCESS: The owners were denied a Certificate of Appropriateness for: 1) construction of the two low retaining walls in the slope beneath the sloped walkway out of concrete with a chamfered top instead of the approved stone veneer and install bollard lights on the downhill side of the walkway; and 2) adding five parking spaces and a light pole along the driveway, and add five parking spaces by the Gate House. The commission is required to make a decision on a Certificate of Hardship. The applicants have communicated to Staff that they do not want to pursue a Certificate of Hardship for these two items.

MATERIALS PROVIDED:

Decisions

Administrative discussion

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