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STAFF MEMORANDUM

Meeting Date: January 13, 2022

DATE: January 4, 2022

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

999 Chestnut Street - Certificate of Appropriateness

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE: The Greek Revival worker cottage was built circa 1830.

APPLICATION PROCESS: The owner wants to install a free-standing cedar barrel Zen hot tub on the brick patio area in front of the shed. The circular hot tub will be four-feet tall and six-feet wide.

MATERIALS PROVIDED: Product information Photograph with elevation sketch Site plan MHC Form B

Energy & Sustainability in Historic Districts – Presentation and Discussion

Newton's Energy Coach, Liora Silkes, will present how the work of the historic districts pairs with Newton's climate action goals. The focus of the presentation will be the modern energy updates that we are seeing more of such as solar panels, electric car charging stations, and heat pumps.

The presentation is not yet available and will be sent out separately.

Administrative discussion:

Minutes: Review draft December meeting minutes.