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STAFF MEMORANDUM

Meeting Date: April 7, 2022
DATE: March 30, 2022
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

47 Prescott Street – Certificate of Appropriateness

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE: 47 Prescott Street was built in 1940. There is no MHC Form B for this property. Building Permit records show that bookkeeper Hughena Fraser was the owner in 1940. Giles M. Smith of the Boston firm Wadsworth and Smith (formerly Bigelow, Wadsworth, Hubbard, and Smith) was the architect and the builders were Clarke & Tait, Inc. of Allston.

APPLICATION PROCESS: The owner wants to amend the previously approved plans to change the dormer windows to casement windows and to change the front entry roofline so that it extends straight across the entryway.

MATERIALS PROVIDED:

Photographs
Elevations
Details
Product information
Plans approved in 2021

61 Prescott Street – Certificate of Appropriateness

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE: The conservative Queen Anne house was built circa 1885.

APPLICATION PROCESS: The owner wants to install solar panels. They have submitted two options. Both options utilize the front gable roof faces, but the second option has fewer panels on the front gable roof faces and the installed panels have been moved back from the front roof edge.

MATERIALS PROVIDED:

Assessors database map

Photographs

Plans

Side view

Renderings

Aerial views

Equipment elevations

Photograph of actual installation

Product information

MHC Form B

41-43 Central Avenue – Working Session

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE: The 1893 Colonial Revival/Queen Anne house was built as a two-family dwelling for Abbott Barnes Rice. Rice worked in men's furnishings at 121 Tremont Street in Boston.

APPLICATION PROCESS: The owner wants feedback on a project to replace roof, siding, trim, windows, and skylights; build second floor egress at the back; restore enclosed front entry porch, second-floor front porch, and right-side porch; and renovate garage.

Notes: The owner did not provide elevations, so it is not clear what the extent of the work would be, especially for the porches and rear egress stair. There is also not enough detail, and no detail drawings, for the exterior trim and other architectural details such as the railings. Product specifications are missing for the skylights.

The previous owners were approved to replace the third-floor windows with two-over-one Harvey Majesty aluminum-clad wood SDL windows in 2018.

MATERIALS PROVIDED:

Project description

Assessors database map

Plans

Photographs

Product and material information

2018 approved application for Harvey Majesty aluminum-clad wood SDL windows

MHC Form B

Administrative discussion:

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

Remote meetings: Update

Commission Rules & Regulations and Design Guidelines: Update