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Newton Historical Commission

* AGENDA *

Date: Thursday, August 25, 2022
Time: 7:00 p.m.
ZOOM Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82812409368>
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1. 31 Greenwood St

Local Landmark Review - Fence

Applicant is requesting to extend their existing, previously approved wood fence along the property line between 29 Greenwood St and 31 Greenwood St. View of landmarked property will not be obstructed. Staff recommends the fence be approved.

2. 21 Cavanaugh Path

Request to Demolish House

Constructed in 1948, this single-family home sits in the Oak Hill Park District. It is listed as a contributing property of the post-war ranch style. While 21 Cavanaugh Path retains the one-story, single-family usage that is signature to this mid-century neighborhood, a large addition in the rear and alterations to siding and roof have resulted in a form that little resembles the more intact examples of the homes in the neighborhood. Staff recommends that this property not be preferably preserved.

3. 109 Wiswall Road

Request to Demolish House

Also constructed in 1948, the cross-gabled ranch style home is another example of a traditional post-war construction in the Oak Hill Park District. The design and configuration of the building have not been disturbed or altered.

4. 29 Richards Circle

Request to Demolish House

29 Richards Circle was constructed in 1953. as cross-gabled, post-war ranch The siding is a mix of vinyl and brick veneer. The entry way, with Greek revival inspired trim, is original to the building and a feature found on several Richards Circle properties of varying styles. 29 Richards Circle has been inventoried by the National as part of the Richards Circle area. The cul-de-sac remains remarkably intact as a eclectic mix of mid-century construction. Staff recommends that this property be found preferably preserved.

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5. 2202 Commonwealth Avenue

Request to Demolish House and Garage

2202 Commonwealth Avenue was constructed c. 1900. The 2.5-story, single family home is an original building to the Commonwealth Avenue extension through Newton in 1895, and has retained several character defining features that set it apart as an interesting example of the Arts and Crafts style: including it's shingle siding, low pitched roof lines, large second story bay window and deep, wide porch with shingled knee wall. There are no major changes to the configuration of the house. The garage was built in 1927 a corresponding style. Staff recommends this property and the garage be preferably preserved.

6. 696 Dedham Street

Request to Demolish House

696 Dedham Street was constructed in 1935. At the site visit, staff observed that the shingle siding, side-gabled roof and ornamental brackets were all intact and a good example of a 1.5-story colonial revival. The slate roof is a particularly striking character-defining feature of this house. Unfortunately, staff has learned of a fire that has caused serious damage to the second story of this building. The damage was not obvious from a view of the exterior, aside from the boarded-up windows. Were the damage from the fire not a factor, staff would recommend this building be preferably preserved.

7. 19 Court Street

Request to Demolish House

19 Court Street is a good, intact example of a colonial revival home. The two-story, two-family structure was constructed c 1900. The building has retained shingle siding and ornamental brackets, without any additions disrupting the configuration of the building. This building is typical of the early-twentieth century housing along Court Street. Staff recommends that the property be preferably preserved.

8. 21 Court Street

Request to Demolish House

21 Court Street is an intact example of a craftsman-style bungalow, constructed in 1914. While the property has been altered significantly, with vinyl siding and replaced windows, character defining features such as the low-pitched roof and wide porch still intact. Though it stands apart in style, the building is one of many early-twentieth century buildings still standing on Court Street. The doors on the building also appear to be original. Staff recommends that the property be preferably preserved.

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9. 290 Watertown Street

Request to Demolish House and Garage

Inventoried as the Patrick Farrell House, this Nonantum home was constructed c. 1875 and has had two 2-story additions to the rear and several alterations to the exterior, including the roof and siding. However, the high pitch of the roof and the shallow footprint of the original building are still visible in the current form of the house, typical of worker cottages of the era. The home was originally built for carpenter Patrick Farrell and later inherited by his wife Margaret. Several houses Watertown Street would eventually be constructed on subdivisions the former property. The Staff recommends that the house be found preferably preserved. Staff recommends that the later garage not be preferably preserved.

10. 20 Commonwealth Park

Request to Demolish House

20 Commonwealth Park was constructed c.1934. It is a two-story, front gabled house with a long, asymmetrical roof. The siding and windows have both been altered substantially. Apart from the sloped roof line the style is largely colonial revival. Although the configuration and design of the house is intact, the house is not a stand out example of its style. Staff recommends this property not be preferably preserved.

11. 219 Melrose Street

Request to Demolish House

Built on the former farm of Walter C. Ware in c. 1875, the classical revival house is the oldest remaining property within the block of streets bounded by Ware Rd, Commonwealth Ave, Melrose St and Regina Rd. Subsequent buildings were built on other subdivisions of the same property, ultimately surrounding the house at 219 Melrose St. While the building has had two large dormer additions on the third, which protrude symmetrically from the roofline, the gabled front-facade is otherwise largely intact. Multiple additions and decks have been added to the rear of the house, as well. Despite it's many alterations, and due to the historical significance of the building staff recommends this property be preferably preserved.

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