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STAFF MEMORANDUM

Meeting Date: September 1, 2022

DATE: August 25, 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

12 Page Road – Certificate of Appropriateness

The back of the property is visible from Foster Street without vegetation and fences. Trees, plantings, and fences are defined as temporary features, and the Historic District Commissions treat them as though they do not exist when considering visibility from a public way.

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE: The carriage house was built circa 1895 as part of the Calvery Crary estate. The main house stood at 21 Foster Street. The carriage house was later owned by the American Red Cross and used as offices. The three bays of garage space in the building were added some time before 1980. The 1980 survey form indicates that there was Stick Style trim at the shed dormer, cupolas, and several first-story window. By 1996, the carriage house had been converted to a house, and a garage addition had been built.

APPLICATION PROCESS: The project was reviewed in a previous working session. The owners want to renovate the existing house including replacing roofing, siding, windows, doors, gutters, downspouts; changing the front elevation roof line; adding dormers and an entry portico; changing the window and door program; building a second-story addition on the garage; adding garage lights; and building new walkways.

Notes: The owners were asked to provide some additional details as follows. These will be sent separately to the Commissioners once we have them:

- Updated proposed window detail drawings showing the width of the casing on the jamb, header and sill, and the construction around it (how the siding interface with these details)
- Product cut sheets for other new elements such as the tall windows on S4, garage lights (if these are new), new sliders, etc.
- The commission needs to clearly understand what is new and what is existing on the proposed elevation drawings. Either label/bubble the drawings, provide an item by item list for each elevation, or go through it at the meeting.
- Details for the walkways: photos of materials, width dimensions, and sketches of the layout patterns with borders (if any).

MATERIALS PROVIDED:

Assessors database map

Photographs

Site plan

Plans

Elevations

Detail drawings

Sections

Products and materials

MHC Form B

51 Page Road – Certificate of Appropriateness

The sides of the property are visible without vegetation and fences. Trees, plantings, and fences are defined as temporary features, and the Historic District Commissions treat them as though they do not exist when considering visibility from a public way. And the back of the property is visible from Lowell Avenue between numbers 89 and 97.

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE: The first owner of the circa 1896 Colonial Revival/Queen Anne house was watchmaker/jeweler Albert H. Sisson. According to the 1900 Federal Census, Sisson lived in the house with his wife Louisa and boarder Mary Harrington. His son, cutlery salesman Albert F. Sisson, lived at number 11 with his wife and daughter. Page Road was originally named Edinboro Street.

APPLICATION PROCESS: The owners want to build a vestibule and entry at the back; add two basement egress windows and window wells and build a side exit door and stairs with railings on the right side; and build a landing with railing with stairs to ground level on the left side.

Notes: The application required more information and details and was put on the agenda with the understanding that if adequate information and details was provided prior to the meeting, there would be a full review. Otherwise, the commission would provide feedback and the application would have to come back to another meeting. The owners submitted most of what was requested, but still need to provide better details for the existing railings and window and door casings which will be matched.

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Site plan

Partial elevations

Product and material information

MHC Form B

Administrative discussion:

Minutes: The May draft meeting minutes are included for review.