

CITY OF NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Newton Historical Commission

* Staff Memo *

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1. 70 Auburn Street (Ward 4)

Total Demolition of Barn

The main building is inventoried as the T. Edward Bond House and was built c. 1870 as part of the property that would be sold to J. J. Ware. The original footprint of the barn behind the home appears at the same time.

The wood clapboard building has one noticeable addition, which begins to appear on historic atlases c. 1907. The addition is shingle sided and two story, and appears visually distinct from the original carriage barn structure. The barn has served as Ms Evergreen's painting studio during the time she has owned the property. Staff would normally recommend preferably preserving this structure, but welcomes the owner's opportunity to share more about the building.

2. 242 Islington Rd (Ward 4)

Local Landmark Review

242 Islington Rd was landmarked in 2004, due to its historical significance to Newton as part of Islington, a large Victorian estate owned by businessman and Mayor of Newton, Royal M. Pulsifer. The buildings at 236 and 242 Islington were believed to house employees of the estate, and were subdivided and sold as single family residences at the turn of the twentieth century.

The important features section of the local landmark nominations reads "The Islington Estate staff houses were designed as simple support structures and their most important features are their size, scale, massing and relationship to one another as nearly identical structures. The buildings are defined by the features which they share - the same decorative brickwork, original L shaped footprint, steeply pitched gambrel roof, and shallow dormers." The standards for design review make no recommendations on paint colors for the rear and side facades. In reviewing the paint color proposed, staff notes that the two paint colors discussed are popular, neutral shades that would not distract from the historic structure. It may even complement the unique Victorian cement brick front facade, which is rare in the City of Newton.

Administrative Discussion Items:

- a) Review of Delegation to Staff and Chair
- b) Approval of Minutes

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