



Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor

Barney S. Heath
Director
Planning & Development

Mollie Hutchings
Chief Preservation Planner

Members

Doug Cornelius, Chair
Mark Armstrong
Nancy Grissom
Katie Kubie
Amanda Stauffer Park
John Rice, Vice Chair
Harvey Schorr
Anne Marie Stein, Alternate

1000 Commonwealth Ave.
Newton, MA 02459
T 617-796-1120
F 617-796-1142

www.newtonma.gov

NEWTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

*Staff Memo *

Date: November 17, 2022

Time: 7:00 p.m.

ZOOM Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81292097169> or
+13126266799,,81292097169#

1. 31 Greenwood St, LL

Fencing project

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. The commission had asked that the applicant return with more information on the height of the fence.

2. 145 Warren St, LL

Approval of Solar Panels on New Construction Addition The Commission reviewed and approved the proposed changes to this property in July 2022. During discussion at the January 2022 meeting, it was decided that any installation of solar panels would require Commission review. Staff recommends approval of the current plan for the solar panel installation, as they are only to be installed on the roof of the new construction addition, and not on the landmarked historic structure.

3. 15 Chase St

Total Demolition

In the September 22 meeting, we previously heard that 15 Chase Street is a This three story, two-unit house seems to have been built in a Queen Anne style in c.1880. However, major alterations to the siding and shape of the turret have retained little of its historic character. The home did previously belong to the family of photographer Wallace Nutting.

This project has returned to the Commission due to a change in ownership. Staff had previously recommended that this property not be preferably preserved, though the Commission did find it preferably preserved in September.

4. 1828 Washington St

Total Demolition

This farmhouse was likely constructed c. 1750, though the many alterations leave few of its character defining features intact. The Old Shepherd Farm, originally built by Alexander Shepherd c. 1750 and purchased by carpenter Jeremiah Allen in 1778, stayed in the Allen family until it was purchased by back president Joseph Bacon. Today much of the former farm land is owned by the Brae Burn Country Club. The Old Shepherd Farmhouse has had many alterations, including E removal of the rear ell in 1952, one story addition of the bay window in the 196-s and the rear one story addition in the early 1990s. The vinyl siding was added in 2004. While the historical significance of the sight is great, and the structure of the hosue does date to that time, staff is reluctant to recommend preferably preserving this house when so much historic fabric has been lost.

5.



Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor

Barney S. Heath
Director
Planning & Development

Mollie Hutchings
Chief Preservation Planner

Members

Doug Cornelius, Chair
Mark Armstrong
Nancy Grissom
Katie Kubie
Amanda Stauffer Park
John Rice, Vice Chair
Harvey Schorr
Anne Marie Stein, Alternate

1000 Commonwealth Ave.
Newton, MA 02459
T 617-796-1120
F 617-796-1142

www.newtonma.gov

NEWTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

AGENDA

Date: November 17, 2022

Time: 7:00 p.m.

ZOOM Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81292097169> or
+13126266799,,81292097169#

5. 512 Dedham St

Partial Demolition

This 1955, cross gabled ranch is an excellent example of mid-century residential design in Newton. The proposed design would demolish character defining features including the garage and the side entry, though has proposed an addition that is similar in proportion to the existing. Staff recommends the property be preferably preserved, and welcomes further discussion of the proposed design.

6. 688 Chestnut St

Partial Demolition

This c. 1930 Dutch Colonial home retains its characteristic side gambrel form. The slate roof remains intact. The property does not have its own designation, but is adjacent to the Pine Ridge Road National Register District. Staff recommends that this property be preferably preserved.

7. 15-17 Jewett Place

Total Demolition

This c. 1890 colonial revival house has been inventoried as the M.M. Burnham house. Originally belonging to the Burnham family as a rental property, it is a two and half story building with a front-gabled form, shingle siding and shed dormers on the attic level. The porches are later alterations. The Burnham family who owned the property also owned a contracting firm in Newtonville. Staff recommends that the property be preferably preserved.

8. 21 Whitlowe Rd

Waiver of Demolition Delay

The ca. 1922 Craftsman style Bungalow has retained its original one-story form under a low hip roof with a hip dormer centered on the front façade. The roof projects out over the facades below and is decorated with exposed raftertails on all facades and the dormer. The house has also retained its original front entry detailing and windows. The land falls away at the rear of the house and a one-car garage is located in the basement. The house has had one addition – a one-story extension to the first floor that projects out over the garage which was constructed in 1973.



NEWTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

AGENDA

Date: November 17, 2022

Time: 7:00 p.m.

ZOOM Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81292097169> or
+13126266799,,81292097169#

Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor

Barney S. Heath
Director
Planning & Development

Mollie Hutchings
Chief Preservation Planner

Members

Doug Cornelius, Chair
Mark Armstrong
Nancy Grissom
Katie Kubie
Amanda Stauffer Park
John Rice, Vice Chair
Harvey Schorr
Anne Marie Stein, Alternate

1000 Commonwealth Ave.
Newton, MA 02459
T 617-796-1120
F 617-796-1142

www.newtonma.gov

9. 100 Varrick Rd

Waiver of Demolition Delay

This 1925 colonial revival is returning after the appearing at the October 27th meeting. It is within the Waban Village residential district, though it is not listed as a contributing building. The updated design has made an effort to incorporate he changes the Commission requested, particularly on the front elevation.