STAFF MEMORANDUM

Meeting Date: March 14, 2017
DATE: February 28, 2017
TO: Auburndale 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 Auburndale Historic District Commission (Auburndale 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 Auburndale HDC. Additional information may be presented at the meeting that the Auburndale HDC can take into consideration when discussing a Local Historic District Review application.

Dear Auburndale HDC Members,

The following is additional information for the Local Historic District Review applications that you should have received in your meeting packet.

Applications

204-220 Woodland Road (216 Woodland Road), Lasell College – Certificate of Appropriateness

APPLICATION PROCESS: The applicants would like to change the previously approved aluminum railings with a powder coated railing.

MATERIALS PROVIDED:
- Photographs
- Applicants will bring product samples to the meeting

49 Grove Street – Violation

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE: The substantial circa 1849 Queen Anne house was built by Abijah S. Johnson, who played an important role in the suburban development of Auburndale. Johnson
purchased land in South Auburndale in the 1840s and laid out today’s Grove, Hancock and Maple streets.

APPLICATION PROCESS: The owner of Unit 1 will review the porch railing system work that was not done in-kind and exceeded what was approved: the post caps did not match existing and the railings were not approved to be replaced (and also were not replaced in-kind.) One of the condo trustees came to the January meeting to review the work done on Unit 3 and the communal porch. The Commission asked him to come back with an application, photos of the top rail and capital, and options for the top rail and transition area.

MATERIALS PROVIDED:
- Photographs
- Application for Unit 1

30 Groveland Street – Violation

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE: The circa 1914 two-family Colonial Revival house was one of six houses built between 1913 and 1920. Groveland Street was part of the 1895 subdivision of the Harry W. Mason estate (formerly the J. Willard Rice estate) on Grove Street. The 1915 City Directory shows Mr. and Mrs. Lester Perrine and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred D. Becker living at that address.

APPLICATION PROCESS: A bathroom window on the right side of the house was replaced without Commission review and approval and is in violation. An application was submitted in 2014 to replace a bathroom window; however, because there was no information about the proposed replacement window and no one came to the meeting to present the application, the project was not approved.

MATERIALS PROVIDED:
- Photographs
- MHC Form B

Administrative Discussion

Minutes

Draft minutes for the January meeting have been included for your review.

Proposed Newton Highlands Local Historic District

Members of the group proposing a local historic district in the Highlands may attend the meeting. They have requested some time to ask questions about the Auburndale Commission process at the end of the meeting.