STAFF MEMORANDUM

Meeting Date: October 10, 2017
DATE: October 2, 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

38 Vista Avenue – Certificate of Appropriateness

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE: The circa 1870 Colonial Revival house

APPLICATION PROCESS: The owners would like to remove a paired and single window on the first story of the left side of the house. A paired window would be installed. **Staff notes that the proposed location of the new paired window is set very far back which may appear cramped and create blank wall space. The window is also set lower than the other first floor window. The house is characterized by its symmetrical window program.** A pair of windows on the rear addition would be removed.

MATERIALS PROVIDED:

- Assessor’s database map
- Elevations
Window details
Photographs
MHC Form B

33 Hancock Street – Certificate of Appropriateness

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE: The distinctive Italianate house was built circa 1856 by physician Edward Strong. The house is relatively intact.

APPLICATION PROCESS: The owner would like to remove the existing railing around the front entry porch; the railing is not original and not appropriate to the style of the house; Staff recommends removal. The owner would also like to replace the railing system for the front steps.

The owner asked for Staff feedback on exterior paint colors. Staff advised that the early high style Italianate “cottages” which were popularized by Andrew Downing were intended to have a natural, rural character and to blend in with their natural setting. The color palette would have been more natural and subdued (information on Andrew Downing and color palette enclosed.) Because this is such an important building, Staff recommended that the owner get Commission feedback regarding exterior colors.

MATERIALS PROVIDED:

- Photographs
- Email and information on historic paint colors

  Staff requested drawing showing proposed front stair railing system with dimensions and material call outs.

Administrative Discussion

Minutes

The draft August and September minutes will be included with the November packet.