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STAFF MEMORANDUM

Meeting Date: January 8, 2026
DATE: January 6, 2026
TO: Newtonville Historic District Commission
FROM: David Lewis, Chief Preservation Planner
SUBJECT: **Additional Review Information**

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the members of the Newton Upper Falls Historic District Commission (Newton Upper Falls 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 Newton Upper Falls HDC. Additional information may be presented at the meeting that the Newton Upper Falls 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

142 Lowell Avenue– Certificate of Appropriateness

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE: The circa 1897 Colonial Revival house was first owned by Charles A. Washburn.

APPLICATION PROCESS: The applicant has applied for a Certificate of Appropriateness to remove and replace the existing chimney and install a new chimney cap.

Application: <https://newtonma.portal.opengov.com/records/899542>

128 Lowell Avenue – Certificate of Appropriateness

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE: This ca. 1890 Queen Anne style house was first owned by Charles B. Sommers, a Boston tailor.

APPLICATION PROCESS: The applicant has applied for a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace the existing porch columns and alter the roofline of the porch.

Application: <https://newtonma.portal.opengov.com/records/904864>