Newington Historic District Commission – AGENDA July 18, 2019 9:00 a.m.

2061 Woodbury Avenue

Great Bay Training School, 2061 Woodbury Avenue	 Ted Connors Member (2020) Christopher Cross Member (2020) NellAnn Hiatt Alternate (2020) John Lamson Member (2021) Lulu Pickering Member (2020) Maxine Mintz Pottier Member (2020) Alan Wilson Member (2022) In June, NE Credit Union requested a demolition permit to demolish the buildings at 2061 Woodbury Avenue, previously the Great Bay Training School. Jerry Coogan is organizing a site walk at 2061 Woodbury Avenue at 9 a.m. Thursday, July 18th to view the inside of the buildings and to investigate stones in walls and foundations.
July 11, 2019 HDC email to David Lapp	I am happy for Jerry to organize a meeting and the site walk. The property is not located in a local historic district. However, Newington has status as a Certified Local Government, and the HDC is tasked with giving advice to local government on historic resources such as this one. Following a site walk next week, the HDC will next meet on August 21 to decide and vote on what advice it wants to give the Planning Board. All the best, Lulu Pickering Newington HDC
July 10, 2019 Email from David Lapp	I am trying to facilitate a meeting with the Town of Newington Planning, the Historical Commission, the Civil Engineer, LEVEL5 and Northeast CU representatives. The meeting would be at the Town Hall with all parties and then following that there will be a tour of the site with the Historical Commission representatives for pictures and a survey. We have availability for the meeting next week Wednesday 7/17 from Noon – 2:30pm or Thursday 7/18 from 8am – 10am and additionally from 1:30pm – 5pm. Our preference would be to meet at the Town Hall at 8am Thursday July 18th and then from there proceed to the site with the Historical Commission reps for a tour, survey and photos. Please let me know if that time is workable. Thank you David N. Lapp Senior Project Manager
July 2, 2019 HDC Email to David Lapp	I have been following up on your earlier email. An historic inventory form was recently completed on the property so much of its prior history, families, uses, architecture, etc. has already been documented (see attached). This analysis

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found that the house is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A.

Because the inventory form looked mostly at the outside of the buildings, we are happy that you will help set up a time for photos to be taken to document the inside of the buildings. Thank you.

Our site walk will also help us document stone foundations in the buildings and the locations of prior structures that also had stone foundations. We are interested in preserving these stones and reusing them to build stone walls in Newington's historic districts. For example, see the location of the barn in the photos on pages 14 and 15 of the attached report. Although the barn itself may have been relocated, there is a possibility that the original foundation was just filled in and built over. In which case, many of the stones may still exist.

There may also be other historic elements in the house that we would like to preserve - such as the newell post at the foot of the stairs (photo 11), for example.

I suggest that we have a site walk some time during the week of July 8th. Laura deRochemont Coleman is president of the Newington Historical Society and would like to attend.

Then I suggest that everyone think about what can be agreed to from the sidewalk before the HDC meets the following Wednesday, July 17 at 10 a.m.

Lastly, do you have a recent survey of the property that shows the locations of existing stone walls and perhaps an old well? There were some old stones along Woodbury Ave but I fear they may have been lost in the road construction that is occurring at the intersection of Woodbury Ave and Piscataqua Drive.

Looking forward to hearing from you,

Lulu Pickering Historic District Commission

Lulu Pickering HDC Member July 15, 2019