

Brookline Preservation Commission Local Historic District Report

Local Historic District: Pill Hill

Applicant: Stephen Vogel

Address: 166 Walnut Street



Statement of Significance: This Colonial Revival triple decker was designed and built in 1991 by John H. Pineo. J.H. Pineo was a prominent Brookline architect-builder who specialized in three family homes. This building was constructed for Robert Bell, an undertaker, who also lived in one of the units. In 1913 the other two units were occupied by George Hooper, a druggist, and John Williams, a storekeeper.

Proposed Alterations: Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness to construct a stone retaining wall along the sidewalk; new wall to be 21 feet long and 12 inches high. The top will be stones and the mortar will be minimally visible.

Applicable Guidelines: “Stone walls may be dry laid or set in a mortar that is historically appropriate in color, aggregate and joint profile.”

Preliminary Findings: The proposed wall seems to be appropriate for the site.



site of proposed wall

