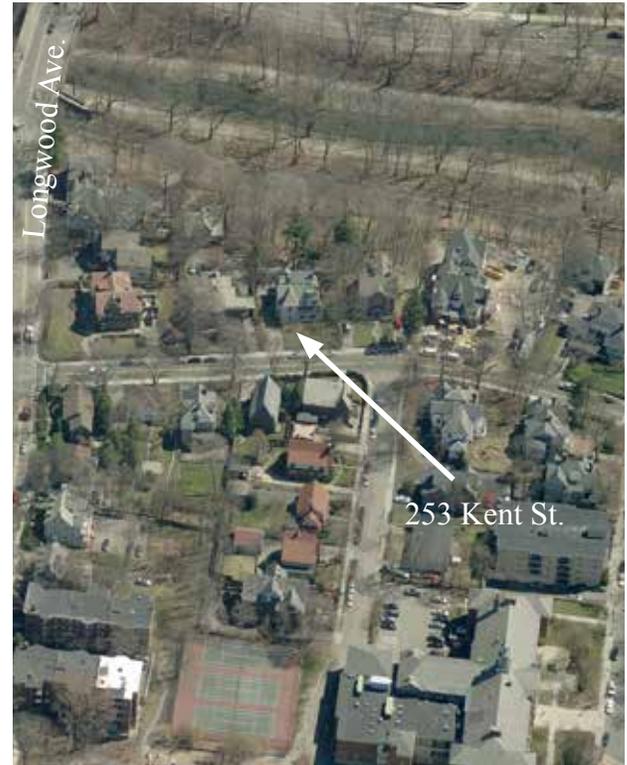


Brookline Preservation Commission Local Historic District Report

Local Historic District: Lawrence

Applicant: Brad Nichols

Address: 253 Kent Street



Statement of Significance:

Original house built 1880-81 by Charles Sterns and the heirs of his uncle Marshall Stearns as an income producing property. The Stearns family owned a considerable amount of land in Brookline between Harvard, Pleasant, and Francis Streets and the Muddy River. The family used the land as farms, nurseries, and dairy land toward the last half of the 19th century. In 1925, the then owner hired Chapman & Frazer to alter the house by removing a dormer on the front, extend a dormer on the rear, change the old piazza to a sun room, put stucco on the walls and put on a new slate roof.

Proposed Alterations: Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace french doors on side of house with two windows to match windows on front of house. New windows will be Anderson ADH2648x2- composite double hung dark bronze/ pine white high performance low E4 glass. Existing door jamb will be kept. Panels below windows will maintain appearance similar to existing doors.

Applicable Guidelines: “New and replacement windows should not be clad in non-historic materials. Vinyl or vinyl-clad and metal-framed sash, and replacement windows incorporating external storm panels that are integrated into the sash, should not be used...”

Preliminary Findings: The windows on 253 Kent Street were changed before the establishment of the Lawrence LHD. The proposal will somewhat simulate what is there with the panels and jamb remaining in place.



Door behind French doors to be changed to two windows to match existing n rest of sunporch-panels and jamb below windows to remain.