

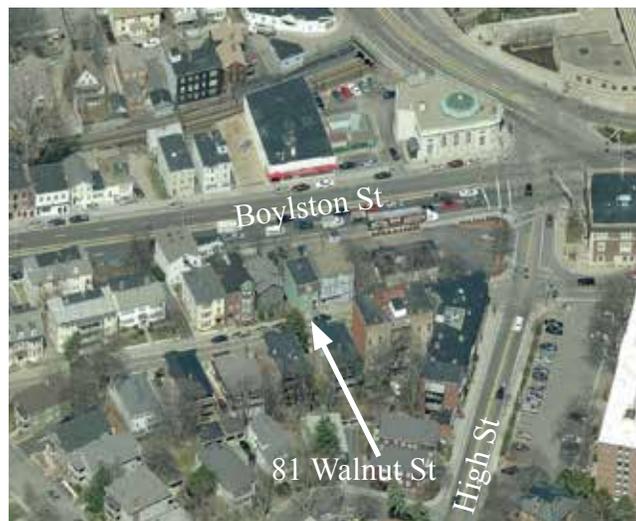
Brookline Preservation Commission

Local Historic District Report

Local Historic District: Pill Hill

Applicant: Cynthia Gunadi and Joel Lamere

Address: 81 Walnut Street



Statement of Significance: This house was probably built as part of a block of three dwellings by James Hand, a Brookline painter and decorator. Based upon early atlas maps and tax records, it appears that the house was constructed in 1871 and first taxed in 1872. Originally there was an east wing, somewhat recessed from the plane of the facade of the existing portion. The 1888 atlas map shows what appears to be an accurate representation consisting of three dwellings extending on to the site of number 77 Walnut Street. The east half of the building was removed by 1902 when a new house was built next door. This contractor-built house has a mansard roof not wrapped around four sides but rather consisting of an extension of the third story on the principal facade. The entrance brackets supporting a portico are typical on houses of the period.

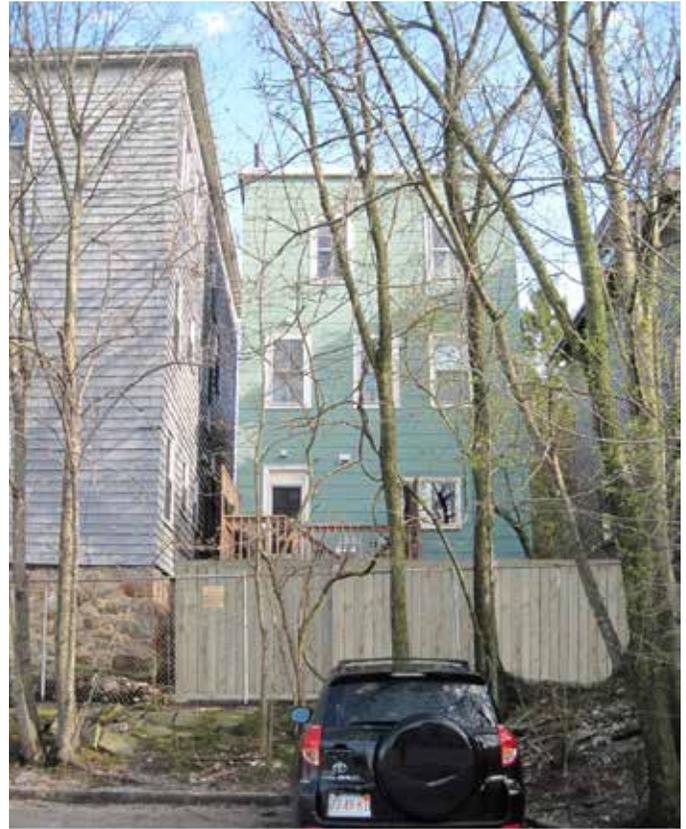
Proposed Alterations: Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness to install 7-foot high wood board fence for approximately 32 linear feet along north (rear) and east (side) yards of property.

Applicable Guidelines: For fences directly abutting Route 9, or abutting commercial properties that face Route 9, height limits permitted by zoning apply.

Preliminary Findings: The proposed fence is not inappropriate to this section of Boylston Street where there is a mix of commercial and residential buildings.



Existing conditions



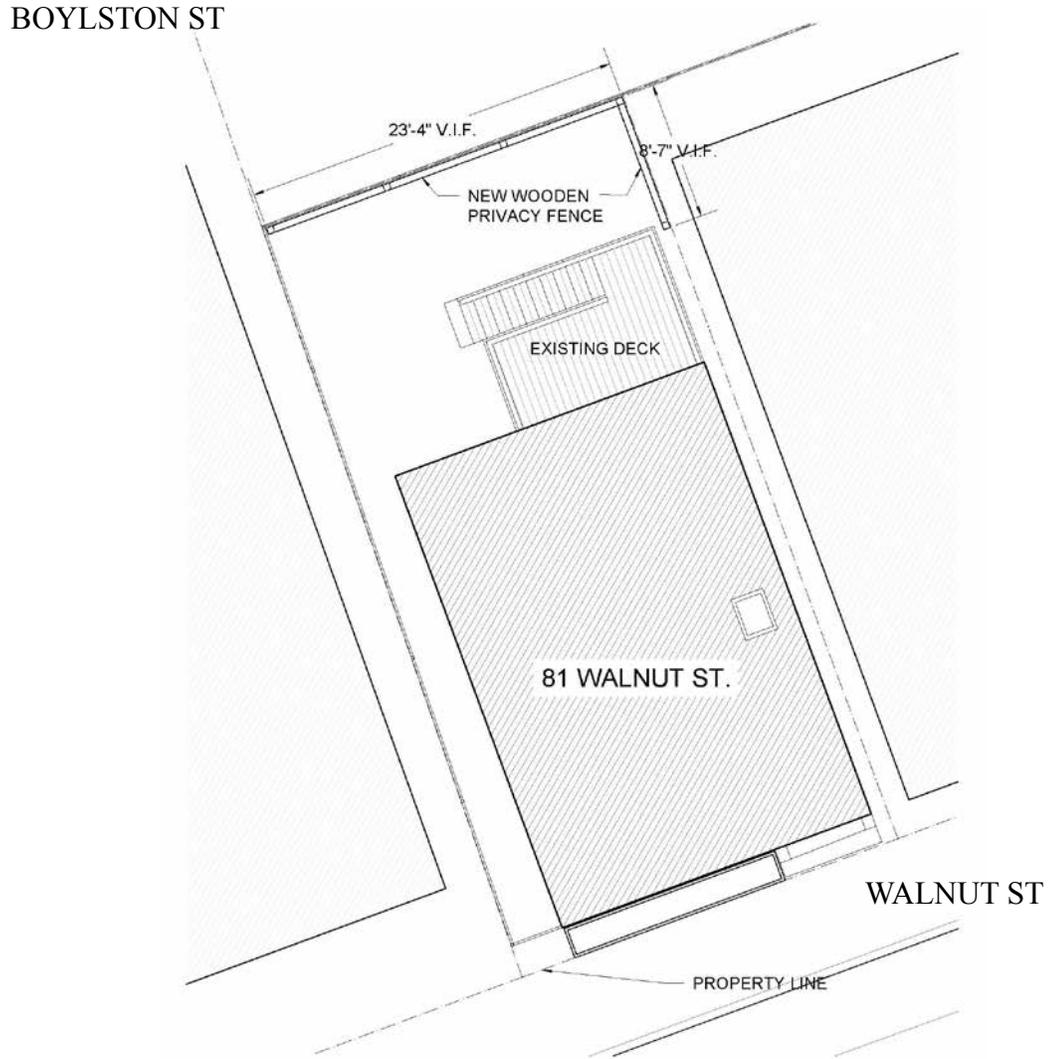
81 Walnut Street
View of rear showing new wooden privacy fence

Appearance of proposed fence

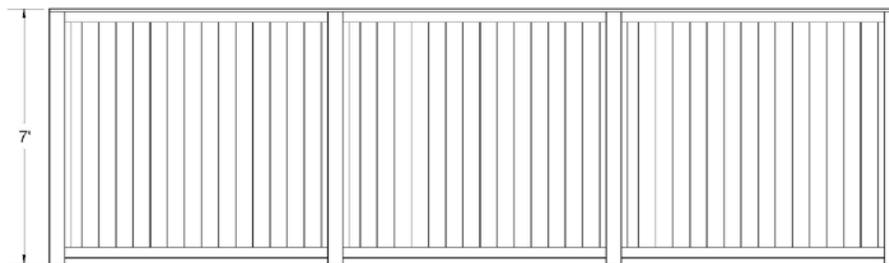


81 Walnut Street
Rear view from across Route 9 showing new wooden privacy fence

Streetscape along Boylston St
showing proposed fence



Proposed location and type of cedar board fence



81 WALNUT ST. -- Elevation of new privacy fence: cedar, 5x5 posts