

Brookline Preservation Commission Local Historic District Report

Local Historic District: Chestnut Hill North

Applicant: Pascal & Irina Aquirre

Address: 98 Spooner Road

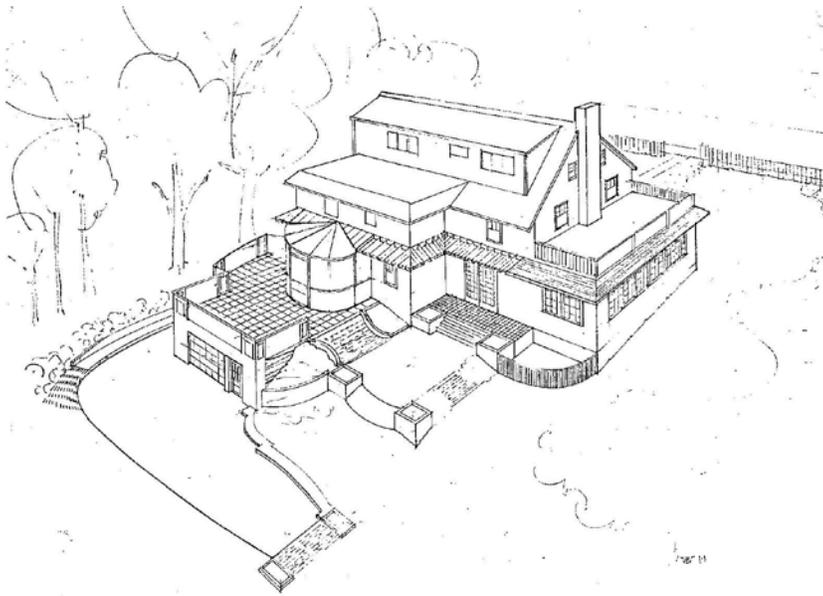


Statement of Significance: Built in 1922 for Mr. Paul Frances Ramsey (formerly of 57 Alton Place, Brookline) who was in the button business in Boston. He was also an insurance agent (1924) at 31 Milk St., Boston. The rear deck, solarium and garage were built in 1994, replacing a 1960s modern style deck addition.

Proposed Alterations: The applicant proposes to remove the 1994 solarium, wall, patio and stairs on the rear facade and replace them with an extended deck with horizontal metal railings and wooden steps off the west elevation; to install copper covers on exposed section of existing canopy on first floor; create a new garage or parking space under the new deck adjacent to the existing garage with a retaining wall; to remove clapboard on existing garage and stucco it; to reduce the walkway and stairs along the driveway on the east facade to about one foot and replace with narrower stairs and walk.

Applicable Guidelines: “New additions, exterior alterations or related new construction that destroy historic materials, features and spatial relationships that characterize the property should be avoided.”

Preliminary Findings: The applicant is proposing to remove non-historic sections of a 1994 addition - the solarium, steps and patio. The additional parking space is under the deck and will be minimally visible from Middlesex and Reservoir Roads.



proposed addition in 1994- solarium ,garage, deck and stairs built. The project as built as not as large as presented here.



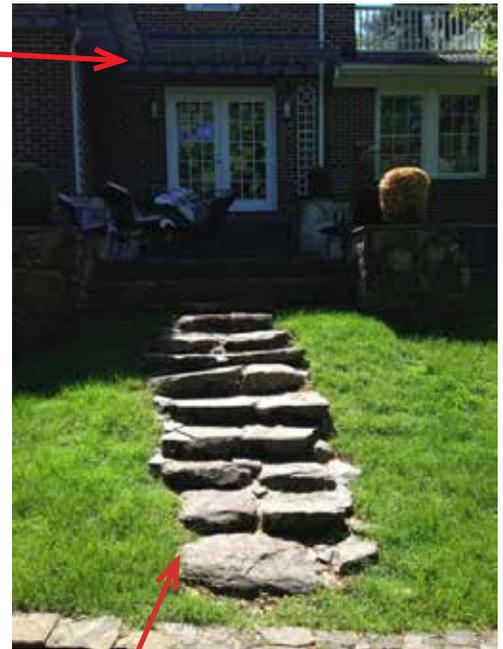
reduce walkway and stairs to about 1 foot wide



rear of house with solarium, deck and garage

remove solarium and
clapboard on garage

install copper sections to match
other part of "roof"



steps and patio to be
removed



proposal with new enclosed garage next to existing



proposal with carport next to existing garage

