

Brookline Preservation Commission

Local Historic District Report

Local Historic District: Pill Hill

Applicant: Linda Miller

Address: 89 Highland Road



Statement of Significance: The three single family homes at the center of this Highland Road cul-de-sac were built in the mid-1920s. Numbers 81 and 89 appear to have looked identical when originally built, but they were designed by different architects. Alvin Brodin was listed in the 1920 Boston directory as a carpenter from Roslindale. Frederick Freeman, the architect of record on the permit for number 89, may also have been a carpenter. Both houses were constructed by Mary McLaughlin, who lived at 89 with her husband Patrick. His business was listed as “autos.” The first owner of 81 was W. H. Gould, a fireman.

Proposed Alterations: Continuation of an application to build an addition onto the pantry extension on rear of house and to relocate a window and a door.

Applicable Guidelines: “Alterations and additions should be compatible with the character of the building and earlier additions in terms of size, scale, massing, material, location and detail. The original portion of the building and earlier additions should continue to be recognizable apart from the addition by means of massing, articulation of setbacks, trim and ornamental detail. Additions should be designed so that the primary elevations of the original building remain clearly delineated... Porches and porticos should not be enclosed or glazed.

Preliminary Findings: The rear is visible from High Street, but the proposed adding of is not incongruous with the design or massing. The porch roof will remain and the stairs moved.



Visibility from High St.



location of proposed enclosure.

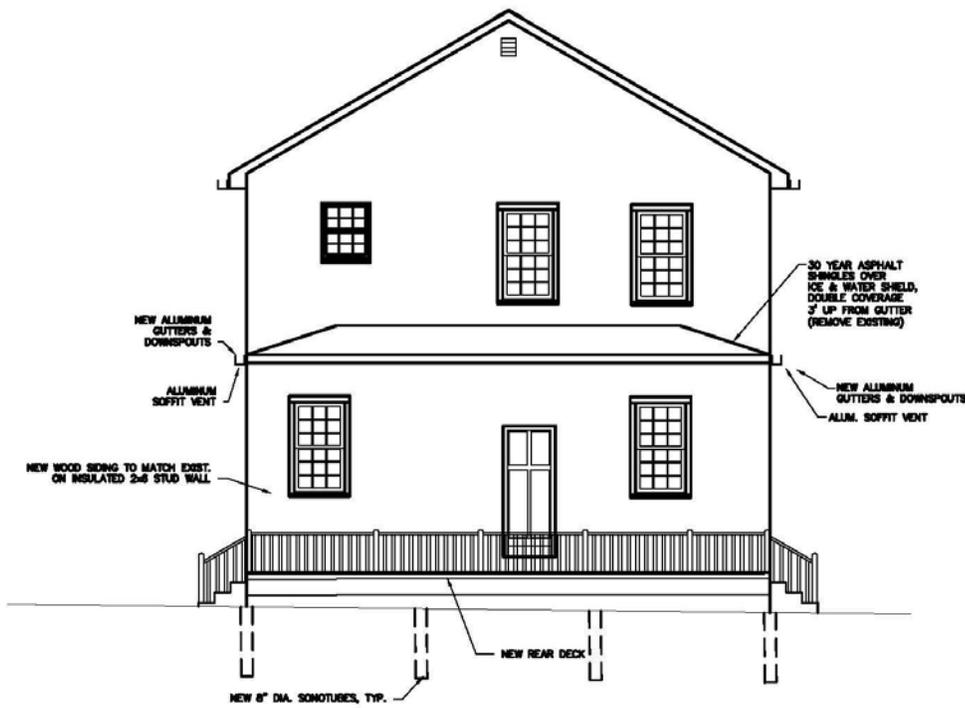




The existing window and door would be reused.

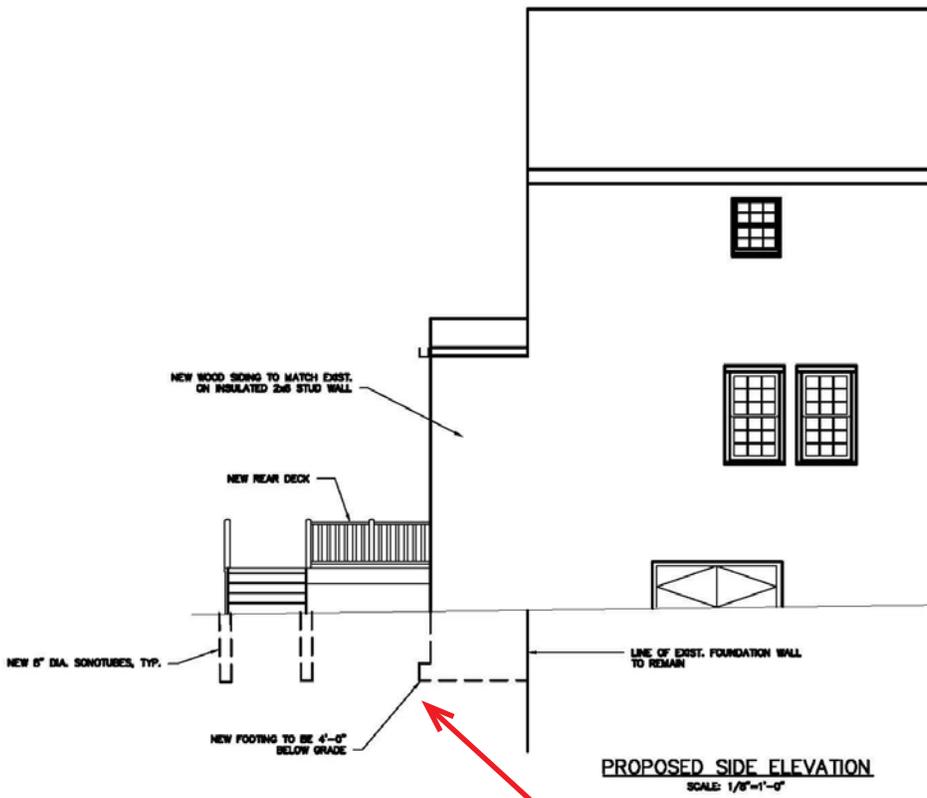
EXISTING BACK ELEVATION

SCALE: 1/8"=1'-0"



PROPOSED BACK ELEVATION

SCALE: 3/8"=1'-0"



The new addition will go across the rear deck. The column would be removed and the stairs moved to the end of the deck.

