

# Brookline Preservation Commission

## Local Historic District Report

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**Local Historic District:** Pill Hill

**Applicant:** Jennifer McKim and James Jepsen

**Address:** 2 Vogel Terrace



**Statement of Significance:** Vogel Terrace is a cul-de-sac developed by August and Annie Vogel a few years after Oakland Road was laid out in 1907. (The original permit street numbers for these houses were 23-29 Oakland Road.) The architectural firm of Funk & Wilcox together with local architect-builder Harry Freeman previously had designed Fire Station No. 1 on Boylston Street. The Vogel Terrace development permitted in 1910, is characteristic of the residential work by Funk & Wilcox. Their small house designs derived from the Arts & Crafts movement in architectural finishes that could termed Craftsman. August Vogel and his son had a catering business on Harvard Street. They lived on Davis Avenue and rented out these properties. A concrete block garage was built in 1923 by Hennessey & Green for owner Joseph Hingston.

**Proposed Alterations:** Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness to build a 6-foot high cedar board fence along the south, east and northeast property lines, with a gate on the north; fence to be six feet high along the east side and tapering down to four feet on the northeast.

**Applicable Guidelines:** “New fences and walls should not prevent or restrict views of buildings from a public way...fences running from the side of a building to a side yard fence should not be more than 42 inches high if a higher fence would obscure significant features on the side of a building...”

**Preliminary Findings:** The proposal for the fence is overall appropriate. Because of the canted siting of the house and its relationship to the other buildings, the rear and side guidelines do not neatly apply.

