

Brookline Preservation Commission Lift Demolition Stay Report

Address: 76 Denny Road

Petitioner: Kenwood Builders LLC

Building type: Demolition - House

National Register Listing (if Applicable): n/a



The applicant has petitioned the Commission to lift the stay based on the following plans.

Historical/Architectural Significance:

The house at 76 Denny Road was built as part of the “Colony of All Gas Modern Homes” in the Chestnut Hill neighborhood. Developed beginning in the late 1930s by the Chestnut Hill Corporation, marketed by Homer T. Brown Realty Co. and sponsored by Boston Consolidated Gas Co., the colony served as a model of “smart and modernly efficient” homes, with houses for most part along Hilltop, Fairway, and Reservoir roads. This large cluster of mostly Colonial-Revival style houses comprises one of the areas surveyed in part I of the Community wide 20th Century Historic Properties Survey conducted by the Preservation Commission in 2008.

Built in 1941 the Colonial Revival style house at 76 Denny Road was designed by architect R.M. Stowell and built by Cedar Building Corporation. Keith Stelle is listed as the owner in 1944. In 1960 the garage was extended and in 1983 a in-ground swimming pool is installed. The building received alterations in 1994 which included an addition and window changes, a second story bay and sun deck, and a remodel of the sunroom into an office. The exposed red brick on the front of the house was also painted white sometime after the 1980s.

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The Commission voted the house significant on September 8, 2015 for the following criteria:

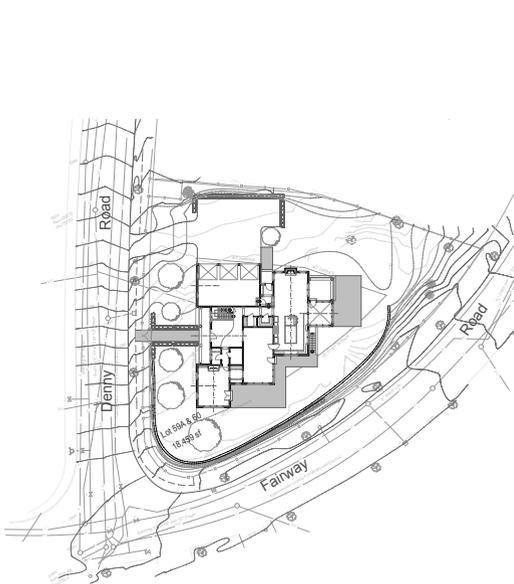
- c. The building is associated with one or more significant historic persons or events, or with the broad architectural, cultural, political, economic, or social history of the Town or Commonwealth; and
- d. The building is historically or architecturally significant in terms of its period, style, method of construction, or its association with a significant architect or builder, either by itself or as part of a group of buildings.

The house retains its integrity in terms of its location setting, design, workmanship, materials, feeling and association. The building contributes to the historical and architectural significance of the neighborhood, built during an experimental gas colony during interwar period.

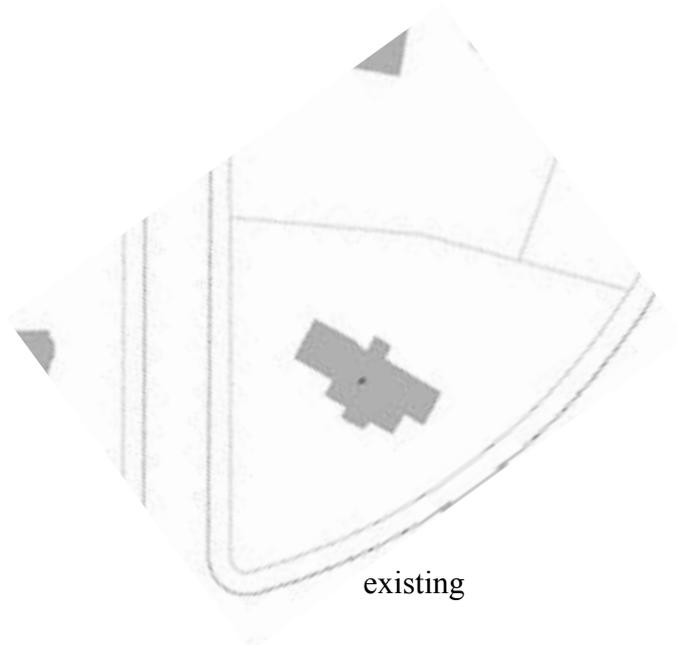


View from Driveway on Denny

The applicant has petitioned the Commission to lift the based on the following plans.



proposed site plan



existing



Front facade



South elevation

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north elevation



1980s Assessor's Photo