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IPC 2014.020
Monmouth Street

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

ALTERATION TO A HISTORIC PROPERTY STAFF REPORT

Site:	33 Monmouth Street	c. 1850 Chestnut Court Houses
Case:	HPC 2014.020	Single Building Local Historic District
Applicant Name:	Bob O'Sullivan	
Applicant Address:	7 Mystic Street, Arlington, MA	
Date of Application:	April 17, 2014	
Legal Notice:	<i>Alter roofing material on rear ells</i>	
Staff Recommendation:	Certificate of Non-Applicability	
Date of Public Hearing:	May 20, 2014	

The Ordinance states that 'In passing upon matters before it the Commission shall consider, among other things, the historic and architectural value and significance of the site, building or structure, the general design, arrangement, texture, material and color of the features involved, and the relation of such features to similar features of buildings and structures in the surrounding area.' It also states that when an alteration 'does not involve any exterior architectural feature, or involves an exterior architectural feature which is not then subject to review by the Commission in accordance with the provisions of Section six, the Commission shall cause a certificate of non-applicability to be issued to the applicant.'



Items not specifically excluded in Section 6 of the Historic District Ordinance, need to be determined by the Commission to be outside the Commission's purview if they do not fall under the definition of an exterior architectural feature as defined in Section 2.f. which states, "Exterior architectural feature means such portion of the exterior of a building or structure as open to view from a public street, public way, public park or public body of water..."

- *What is the visibility of the proposal?*

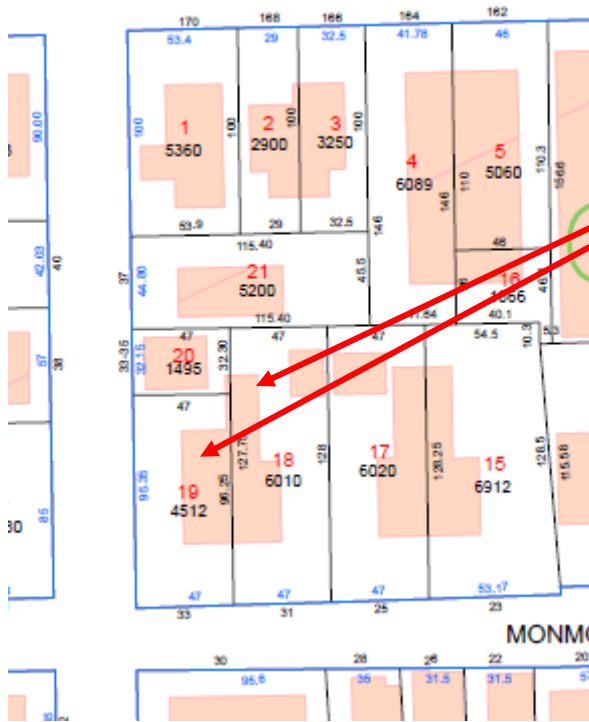
The house is located on the corner of Harvard and Monmouth Streets. Harvard Street slopes steeply down from Summer Street and the house is raised up above Monmouth Street. The ells which are

lower than the main body of the house can be seen from Harvard Street, however, despite the slope of the street, the roof is not visible due to the height of the ells.

III. RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Historic Preservation Commission issue 30 Day Street a Certificate of Non-Applicability under sections 6.a and 6.d.2 for the replacement of the bathroom windows because they do not meet the definition of exterior architectural feature as defined in Section 2.f of the Historic District Ordinance.





33 Monmouth Street – flat roofs to be altered.