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APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE

1. **The undersigned hereby applies to the Cambridge Historical Commission for a Certificate of (check one box): (•) Appropriateness, ( ) Nonapplicability, or ( ) Hardship, in accordance with Chapter 40C of the Massachusetts General Laws and/or Chapter 2.78 of the Municipal Code.**

2. **Address of property:** 3 Berkeley Place **, Cambridge, Massachusetts**

3. **Describe the proposed alteration(s), construction or demolition in the space provided below: (An additional page can be attached, if necessary).**

Comprehensive exterior renovation of the existing Queen Anne Shingle Style residence, including replacement of roofing, windows, gutters, and downspouts; modifications to the front and side entries; extension of an existing dormer; reconstruction of a brick chimney; construction of a one-story rear addition; and associated exterior architectural and landscape improvements. Proposed work incorporates traditional materials and detailing consistent with the historic character of the house, as documented in the accompanying drawings and project narrative. See attached Sheet for more information

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I certify that the information contained herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. **The undersigned also attests that he/she has read the statements printed on the reverse.**

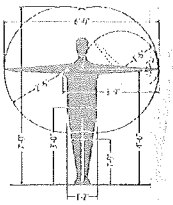
Name of Property Owner of Record: Aaron Paul
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Signature of Property Owner of Record: Aaron Paul
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Date Application Received: 11/6/26 **Case Number:** 5475 **Hearing Date:** 12/3/26
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CHC Project Overview- 3 Berkeley Pl.



3 Berkeley Place, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Proposed Exterior Renovation and Addition | Cambridge Historical Commission

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Project Overview

Comprehensive exterior renovation of the existing single-family residence, including replacement windows and doors, modified entries, and a one-story rear addition. The work preserves and reinforces the Queen Anne Shingle Style character through gambrel roof forms, continuous wood shingles, grouped windows, and traditional detailing, particularly on publicly visible elevations.

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1. Roofing, Dormers, and Chimneys

- Replace asphalt roofing with western red cedar shingles; front entry roof to have cedar shingles with copper roofing at the eave; standing-seam copper at side entry and rear addition.
- Add a roof flare above the third-floor windows at the front gambrel, matching the existing flare below the second-floor windows.
- Extend the existing front second-floor dormer; replace three individual windows with two grouped windows of similar proportions. Introduce diamond-pattern shingles and flared roof details; retain existing corbels and extend matching corbel profiles above windows.
- Rebuild rear brick chimney with framed construction and matching thin brick veneer.
- Install copper gutters matching existing historic profile and round copper downspouts as shown; replace existing skylights.

2. Windows and Doors

- Replace non-original 2000–2001 windows with wood units using traditional sash proportions and muntin patterns; match existing casing and sill profiles. (All windows LePage Windows)
- Slightly adjust front gambrel window locations while maintaining the dimensions of the existing windows; use traditional wood weight-and-chain double-hung windows.
- Relocate, resize, or add selected windows with historically compatible proportions and detailing.
- Add a new diamond-pattern decorative glass window on the west elevation at the second floor.

3. Front and Side Entries

- Front entry: cedar shingle roof with copper at the eave, barrel-vaulted beadboard ceiling, shingled porch walls, solid shingled balustrade, a diamond-pattern decorative glass window with a coved shingle jamb, wood trim matching existing profiles, and natural mahogany flooring and steps.
- Front door: panel detailing based on existing door, with flanking sidelights.
- Side entry: reintroduce the entrance documented on the June 1, 1893 historic plan and subsequently removed; provide standing-seam copper roof, wood trim matching existing profiles, wood railings, and natural mahogany steps.

4. Rear Addition

- Construct one-story rear addition with standing-seam copper roof, wood shingle siding, and compatible windows and doors; add exterior basement stairs and rear masonry terrace.

5. Exterior Siding and Architectural Details

- Maintain existing wood shingles and architectural trim where possible. Reuse existing trim profiles and architectural details throughout the proposed work where applicable, including window and door casings, sill profiles, corbels, and shingle detailing.

6. Site Improvements and Landscape

- Retain brick driveway with new granite border connecting to proposed walks; add west-side arbor and gate and reuse existing sidewalk fencing.
- Reuse existing foundation stone where possible at window wells and front porch base, supplementing with matching reclaimed stone. Use reclaimed stone at rear addition foundation if available, otherwise brick similar to existing chimneys. Additional work shown on landscape drawings.