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June 16, 2015

Christian Nolen Highland St. Cambridge LLC 57 Russell Avenue Watertown, Mass. 02472

Dear Mr. Nolen,

At a public hearing on May 7, 2015, the Cambridge Historical Commission voted to initiate a landmark designation study for the property at 29 Highland Street, Cambridge under Chapter 2.78, Article III of the City Code. The twelve-month study period extends through May 7, 2016. During the study period, the property is treated as if it were already a designated landmark, and the Commission must issue a Certificate of Appropriateness, Nonapplicability, or Hardship for proposed alterations on the property before a building permit may be issued or work may commence. I have enclosed a copy of the application form for your files and a brochure about landmark designation.

If implemented by the City Council, landmark designation would allow the Commission to review and approve publicly-visible exterior alterations with the goal of protecting the historic integrity of the buildings and their setting. The designation would not regulate use or interior features.

You may return to the Commission at any time if you would like to apply for modifications to the house or carriage house. The landmark study does not institute a moratorium on all permits for the property, but requires Commission approval for exterior changes. Repairs in kind or interior work to either building could be approved administratively with staff review and would not require a public hearing. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Charles M. Sullivar Executive Director

Enclosure

cc:

Ranjit Singanayagam, Inspectional Services Commissioner

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