Local Historic District: Chestnut Hill North

Applicant: Pascal & Irina Aquirre

Address: 98 Spooner Road

Statement of Significance: The house was built in 1922 for Paul Ramsey who according to the directories was in the button and insurance businesses in Boston. The designer and builder was N.W. McCollum. The brick house is rationalist in feeling with some colonial revival elements. The commission recently approved a new rear deck and garages, replacing a solarium and garage built in 1994.

Proposed Alterations: Remove fence from side yard and install 5-foot high wood board fence and gate from front (south) plane of house across side yard and along west side of property for approximately 42 linear feet.

Applicable Guidelines: “The design of fences should be appropriate in scale and architectural style to the building, its site and the surrounding properties. New front fences and the front yard portion of side fences should be open in character so as not to create visual barriers. 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 the building or site.

Preliminary Findings: The scalloped fence should be open to match the existing fences at the front of the property and in the east side yard.
Existing fence in side yard

File photo showing front and east sideyard fences
Examples of solid and open scalloped board fencing