

# **Strong Block Waban Hall Landmarking Considerations**

**February 9, 2023**



# Details



ID: **NWT.3741**

Historic Name: Strong's Block

Common Name: -

Address: 1637-1651 Beacon St  
2-12 Windsor Rd  
Newton

Town: Newton

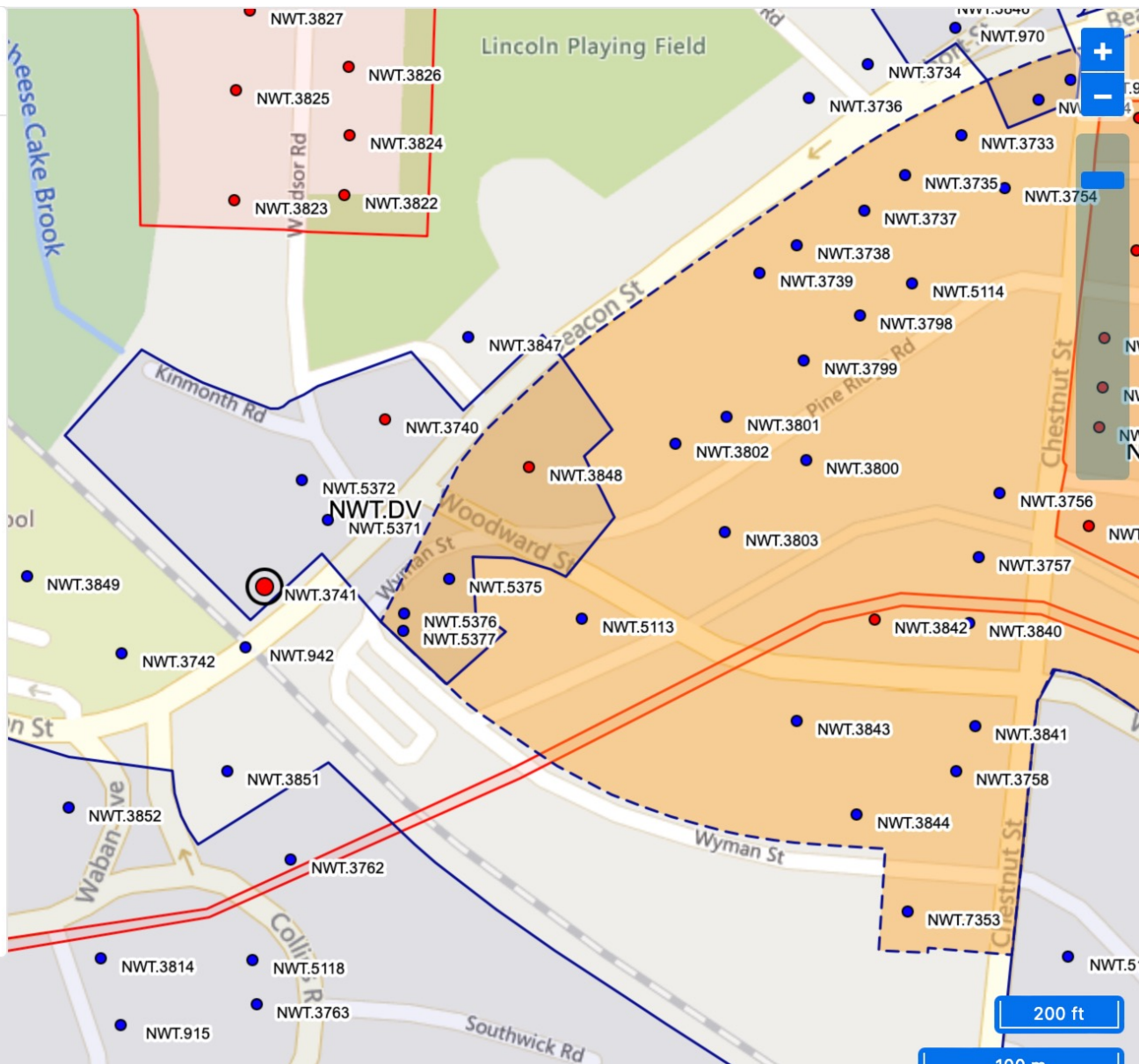
Type: -

Designations: NRIND (1986)  
NRMRA (1986)

Center/Zoom

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Street View



# Historic Resources within NWT.DV

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MHC ID	Type	Historic Name	Address	City/Town	Year	Designations	Pic	Inv	NR
<a href="#">NWT.3740</a>	Building	Staples - Craft - Wiswall Farm	1615 Beacon St	Newton	C 1750	NRIND; NRMRA;			
<a href="#">NWT.5371</a>	Building	Strong's Block Extension	1629-1639 Beacon St	Newton	1924				
<a href="#">NWT.3741</a>	Building	Strong's Block	1637-1651 Beacon St	Newton	1896	NRIND; NRMRA;			
<a href="#">NWT.5369</a>	Building		69 Homestead St	Newton	1928				
<a href="#">NWT.5368</a>	Building		74 Homestead St	Newton	1928				
<a href="#">NWT.5372</a>	Building	Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company	8-12 Windsor Rd	Newton	1938				
<a href="#">NWT.5375</a>	Building	Newton - Waltham Bank and Trust Company	466 Woodward St	Newton	1949				
<a href="#">NWT.5376</a>	Building	Waban Hall	474 Woodward St	Newton	1890				
<a href="#">NWT.5377</a>	Building	U. S. Post Office - Waban Branch	93 Wyman St	Newton	1944				

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# Where are we in the process of Landmarking the Strong Block and Waban Hall?

## Steps in the Landmarking Process (Division 3. Landmarks )

- Property deemed **eligible** for Nomination (Sec. 22-62.)
- Nomination (Sec. 22-63.)
- Designation (Sec. 22-64.)

## **Sec. 22-62. Eligibility for nomination.**

(a) All buildings, structures, landscapes and places are **eligible to be nominated for landmark designation** if such property:

(1) **is individually listed on the National Register of Historic Places**, or formally listed as eligible for listing on said National Register, individually;

**Strong Block is on Individual Listed on the National Register (NRIND). It received this designation in 1986**

**Waban Hall's eligibility for Nomination?**

## **Sec. 22-62. Eligibility for nomination.**

(3) has been **determined by the commission or its designee to be historically significant after a finding** that it is:

- i. importantly associated** with one or more historic persons or events, or **with the architectural, cultural,** political, economic or **social history of the City of Newton,** the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or the United States of America; or
- ii. historically or architecturally important by reason of** period, style, method of building construction or **association with a particular architect** or builder, **either by itself** or in the context of a group of buildings or structures.



*Historically significant:*

Any building or structure that has been determined by the **commission or its designee to meet the criteria set forth in Sections 22-53(a) and (c).**

✓ **Sec. 22-53 (a)**  
(1) is whole or in part fifty (50) or more years old; and

✓ (4) is listed on the inventory of historic and archaeological assets of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

**Sec. 22-53 (c)(4):**

(4) has been determined by the commission or its designee to be a historically significant building after a finding that it is:

- (i) **importantly associated** with one or more historic persons or events, or **with the architectural, cultural, political, economic or social history of the City of Newton, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or the United States of America**; or
- (ii) **historically or architecturally important by reason of period**, style, method of building construction or **association with a particular architect** or builder, **either by itself** or in the context of a group of buildings or structures.

Waban Hall received a *historically significant* designation from the NHC at its January 26 meeting. It is now eligible to be considered for a Landmark nomination.

## **Sec. 22-63. Nomination**

(a) Petitions for nomination of buildings, structures, landscapes and places for consideration of designation as a landmark shall only be submitted to the commission, on a form provided by the department of planning and development, by any of the following:

(1) all record owners of the nominated property;

**(2) a member of the city council, provided that at least one (1) member of the commission must co-petition the nomination; or**

(3) the mayor, the director of planning and development, or the commissioner of inspectional services, provided that at least one (1) member of the commission must co-petition the nomination.

## **Sec. 22-63. Nomination**

(b) Upon receipt of a petition for nomination, the commission shall schedule a meeting to consider the nomination, which meeting shall be held not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days from the date of the commission's receipt of the petition.

**Strong Block NHC consideration of a Landmark Nomination will be heard at their March 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.**

**Waban Hall needs to be publicly noticed and once that occurs, would be heard by the NHC for consideration of a Landmark Nomination at the April 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.**

## **Sec. 22-63. Nomination**

(c) At this or a subsequent meeting, the commission **shall determine whether to accept the nomination and conduct further study of the nominated property.** The commission may accept the nomination of buildings, structures, landscapes and places **upon an initial determination that such property may meet one or more of the following criteria:**

- (1) the property **significantly represents an architectural type, style or design distinguished by innovation, rarity, uniqueness,** or overall quality of design, detailing, materials or craftsmanship;
- (2) the property is **meaningfully associated with a person or persons who significantly contributed to the cultural, historic, architectural or archeological aspect of the development of the City of Newton, Commonwealth of Massachusetts,** or the United States of America;

**(3) the property's identification as a notable work of an architect, designer, engineer or builder whose work is significant in the history or development of the City of Newton, Commonwealth of Massachusetts or the United States of America; or**

**(4) historic events or activities occurred at the property that have made an outstanding contribution to, or which best represent some important aspect of, the history of the City of Newton, Commonwealth of Massachusetts or the United States of America.**



- The Strong Block is set to appear at the **March 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting**. It has been noticed and the Commission will be voting on whether or not to accept the nomination.

- Waban Hall has been found historically significant. We will notice as soon as possible. It can then be placed on the agenda for the **April 27<sup>th</sup> meeting**.