

Proposal for Garage at 3230 E. Kenwood Blvd

The plan is to construct a garage on the property. The site plan and sketches are attached. A lengthy discussion occurred early in 2021 between Tim Askin of the Historic Preservation Committee and Drew Barnhardt of the State Historical Society on the appropriate approach to the garage design. All of their recommendations are incorporated into the current proposal.

The garage was designed by H. Russell Zimmermann with Ramlow Stiein serving as the architects of record. The garage will be clad in the same 6" thick Plymouth sandstone as the house. A deposit of the stone has been stored on the property since the 1920s. If more stone is needed, the original quarry in Massachusetts has a supply of matching stone available. The roof will use the same Vermont slate as the house. It will match both in color and in thickness to the house. The pitch of the garage roof will match the pitch of the house, and the garage will be aligned in width with the western wing of the house. The garage will be offset from the house by 10'6". A cornerstone will be added to the SW corner of the garage with the date 2021. The leaded windows will be similar to those of the house with the same size and design of the panes. The same firm that did the window reconstruction on the original house (Enterprise Art Glass Works) will build the leaded windows for the garage – with the same materials (leaded windows with steel frames painted the same chocolate brown as the house windows). The sandstone casings on the windows will not match those of the main house – they will be a simpler design so as not to create a falsification of history. The service door on the east elevation of the garage will be constructed of oak and will have the same ribbed design as the tower entrance door of the main house. It will also be stained to match the tower door. The sandstone casings will be simplified from the main house. The overhead garage door on the south elevation will also be constructed of oak with similar ribbing and curved top design as the main entrance door of the original house. It will also have the same matching stain finish. Again, the sandstone casings will be simplified from the design of the original house. Finally, the three garage overhead doors on the north elevation will be of wood construction. They will be rectangular in shape and will be stained to match the other doors. The sandstone casings will match those of the windows.