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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
SOMERVILLE, MA

**Re: Demolition of the c.1846 wood-frame house
at 1006 Broadway, Somerville**

Determined Significant: 5/21/2019

Sir,

On Tuesday, May 21, 2019, the Historic Preservation Commission voted unanimously (7-0) to determine the c. 1846 wood-frame dwelling at 1006 Broadway 'Significant' because the building, per Section 2.17.B of the Demolition Review Ordinance 2003-05, is "at least 50 years old, and is or has been determined by the Commission to be a significant building or structure after a finding that the building or structure is either:

- i. "Importantly associated with one or more historic persons or events, or with the broad architectural, cultural, political, economic or social history of the City or the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or
- ii. "Historically or architecturally significant (in terms of period, style, method of building construction, or association with a reputed architect or builder) either by itself or in the context of a group of buildings or structures, and therefore it is in the public interest to be preserved or rehabilitated rather than to be demolished."

1006 Broadway is a rare pre-1852 house dating to the earliest days of the city. When the town of Somerville split off from Charlestown, the population was a mere 1013 people. Few buildings of this era still remain. 1006 Broadway was clearly a farmers' house. The architecture is simple. The Simpson family was prominent throughout the last half of the 19th and the early part of the 20th centuries.

The Commission found 1006 Broadway importantly associated with the broad architectural, cultural, economic and social history of the City due to the age of the building which retains its massing and form, its associations with the farming history of the city and its associations with the Simpson family.

The Commission found 1006 Broadway historically and architecturally significant due to its period, style, method of building construction and associations with early Somerville.



The Commission will hold a public hearing on June 18, 2019 to review the initial determination of 'Significance' and if the buildings should be 'Preferably Preserved.' Per Section 4.2.D, "If the Commission determines that the demolition of the significant building or structure would be detrimental to the architectural, cultural, political, economic, or social heritage of the City, such building or structure shall be considered preferably preserved." Public testimony will be taken at the hearing, followed by a discussion and a vote by the Commission.

Please remit a check made out to the City of Somerville of \$135.00 to cover the cost of the Legal Notice of the Public Hearing for two weeks in the newspaper and given to Historic Preservation Staff. If you have any questions about this letter, please feel free to contact me at (617) 625-6600 x 2525.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kristenna Chase".

Kristenna P. Chase
Preservation Planner, Planning Division
Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning & Community Development

Cc: Paul Nonni, Sr. Building Inspector, Inspectional Services Division
Sarah A. Lewis, Director, Planning Division
Hans Jensen, Zoning Review Planner
John Long, City Clerk