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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Community Room, 3rd Floor, Visiting Nurses Association, 259 Lowell Street 6:40 p.m. on Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Members Present: Dick Bauer, Alan Bingham*, Ryan Falvey, Eric Parkes, Mark Sternman.

Members Absent: Caitlin Hart, Robin Kelly, Anthony Griseto*,

*Alternates

Staff Present: Kristi Chase and Sarah White

Others Present: John & JoAnn Murray, Harold Parsons, Tony Barros, Mark Killoren, Jr., Mark Killoren, Sr., Warren Fench, Anton Tutter, Scott Pollack, Amy Pacheco, David Glod, Sean O'Donovan.

I. Determinations of Appropriateness

HPC 2018.105 – 50 Sargent Avenue		
Applicant:	David Glod	
Property Owner:	John & JoAnn Murray	
Application Date:	October 10, 2018	
Legal Notice:	Alteration to front entry porch	
Recommendation:	Conditional Certificate of Appropriateness	
Current Status:	Will be heard on November 13, 2018	
Discussion:	JoAnn Murray presented. The porch is not original to the building. The entry steps have been the way they are now ever since she can remember. It is time to rebuild them and bring them up to code. The porch will be constructed of fir. The steps will be stained.	
	The Commission supported their plans and noted that the owners had maintained the house	
	and barn well	





Decision:	The Commission voted unanimously (5-0) to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness with the following conditions:
	 The front porch shall be rebuilt using a historically appropriate simple wood rail, baluster and post system as seen in the attached photo. The porch and steps shall fit into the existing footprint. A new porch skirt will be vertical wood sawn board.

II. Determinations of Significance (STEP 1 IN THE DEMOLITION REVIEW PROCESS)

HPC 2018.106 – 124 Highland Avenue		
Applicant:	Tony Barros & Mark Killoren	
Property Owner:	Somerville Post 19, American Legion	
Agent:	Sean T. O'Donovan	
Application Date:	October 18, 2018	
Recommendation:	Significant	
HPC Action:	Voted on November 13, 2018 the structure(s) were significant.	
Discussion:	Alan Bingham explained the 9-month demolition delay period. The delay could be shorter if	
	a Memorandum of Agreement is reached before that 9 months is up.	
	The findings written in the staff report were adopted (as the building was found historically, culturally and architecturally significant). The Commission voted in favor of accepting the findings 5-0.	
Decision:	The Commission voted unanimously (5-0) and determined the building was significant.	

III. Other Business

- HPC Minutes
 - Minutes from 6/27/17 and 10/16/18 were approved.
- CPA HPC Projects
 - Dick Bauer explained the changes the CPC made to the application deadlines to
 accommodate budget and construction seasons. He also noted the increase in open space and
 historic preservation applications for this year and general information on available funding
 was discussed (the amount of requests versus the amount of funding available). CPC doing
 bonding for some of the projects was also discussed.
- Proposed Staff Authorizations were held for the November 27 Meeting
 - Replace inappropriate handrails with generic when there is no evidence of the original style.
 - Installation of generic rectangular chimney caps in copper or dark bronze when there is no evidence of the original style.
- HPC 2019 Preservation Awards Committee
 - Kristi Chase noted the Commission Awards Committee should be established for this coming year's awards. Eric Parkes, Mark Sternman, Alan Bingham, and Ryan Falvey agreed to be on the Committee and will defer the rest of the discussion on this to the next meeting on November 27th.





IV. Completed Staff Reviews – Listed for informational purposes

HPC 2018.104 – 193 School Street		
Applicant:	Micah Silver	
Property Owner	Micah Silver	
Description	Replace replacement windows.	
Current Status:	Certificate of Non-Applicability – Not Visible issued on October 16, 2018	

HPC 2018.107 – 58 Bow Street Unit E		
Applicant:	Brenda Miller, Condominium Owner	
Association:	The Condos at Gerrior Square	
Description	Replace replacement windows.	
Current Status:	Authorized Certificate of Appropriateness- issued on October 30, 2018	

HPC 2018.109 – 54 Meacham Road		
Applicant:	Charlie Allen Renovations	
Property Owner:	Meg Bruton & B. J. Daniel	
Description	Install HVAC at rear of building.	
Current Status:	Certificate of Non-Applicability – Not Visible issued on November 8, 2018	

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archive.somervillema.gov/departments/historic-preservation-commission/hpc-cases-and-decisions and on the third floor of City Hall at 93 Highland Avenue. Cases may be continued to a later date(s); therefore, check the agenda on the website 48 hours in advance of the meeting or call (617) 625-6600 x2500 to inquire if specific cases will be heard. Continued cases will not be re-advertized, but will be listed on the agenda. Interested persons may provide comments to the Historic Preservation Commission at the public hearing, by email to historic@somervillema.gov, by fax to (617) 625-0722, or by mail addressed to the Somerville Historic Preservation Commission.



