



City of Somerville
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
City Hall 3rd Floor, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville MA 02143

DECISION

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PROPERTY ADDRESS: 181 Pearl Street
PERMIT NUMBER: HP23-000029
OWNER: 181 Pearl St. LLC.
OWNER ADDRESS: 177 Huntington Ave Ste 1703 #66419, Boston, MA 02115
APPLICANT: Same as Owner
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DECISION: **NOT Historically Significant**
DECISION ISSUED: November 21, 2023

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This decision summarizes the findings made by the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) or their designee regarding the historic significance of the principal structure located at 181 Pearl Street.

SCOPE OF WORK

- Demolition of the structure located at 181 Pearl Street

DETERMINATION

The HPC voted one (1) in favor and four (4) against the preferable preservation of the building at 181 Pearl Street, in accordance with Section 7-28 (f)(5) of the Demolition Review Ordinance. While the structure at 181 Pearl Street, based on its style and construction materials is "at least 75 years old," it has been deemed not to be:

- Associated with one or more important historic persons or events, or with the broad architectural, cultural, political, economic or social history of the city or the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; or,*
- 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, and therefore it is in the public interest to be preserved or rehabilitated rather than to be demolished.*

In their deliberations, the HPC discussed that the structure is not a noteworthy history, has been edited over the years, and has lost much of its historic charm. Furthermore the HPC noted that a mixed-use building on this site would be beneficial for the community.

Therefore, in accordance with Section 6 *Delegation* of the Demolition Review Ordinance (DRO) 2020-20, the principal structure located at 181 Pearl Street may be demolished. The Applicant is not required to take any further steps with the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) or its Designee.

The Applicant must proceed to the Inspectional Services Department (ISD) to pursue that department's permit to physically demolish the structure.

Issued on behalf of the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC):

Eric Parkes, *Chair*
Dick Bauer
Ryan Falvey
DJ Chagnon, *Alt.*

Robin Kelly, *Vice-Chair*
Colin Curzi
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Daniel Coughlin, *Alt.*