

City of Somerville

## **HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

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ADDRESS: 246 Broadway

CASE: HPC.DMO 2023.11

**APPLICANT:** Amineni Construction, LLC, 9 Hilltop Ave, Lexington, MA 02421

Same as Applicant OWNER:

**DETERMINATION:** Historically Significant

**DECISION DATE:** June 06, 2023

This decision summarizes the findings made by the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) at their June 06, 2023, meeting regarding the historic significance of the principal structure located at 246 Broadway.

## SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL

The Applicant proposes to demolish the structure located at 246 Broadway.

## **DETERMINATION**

It has been determined that the principal structure at 246 Broadway is "at least 75 years old," and the HPC voted 4-0 that it is Historically Significant according to criteria b of the Demolition Review Ordinance (DRO) which reads as follows:

b. The findings for historical and/or architectural significance of a historic property address the period, style, method of building construction and association with a reputed architect or builder of the subject property, either by itself of 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.

In their deliberations, the HPC discussed that the building significantly contributes to the streetscape and retains its original form and massing.

Therefore, in accordance with the Demolition Review Ordinance (DRO), the HPC shall next conduct a public hearing during which the Commission will discuss whether or not the principal structure at 246 Broadway should be "preferably reserved".

Submitted on behalf of the HPC:

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