



City of Somerville

## HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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ADDRESS: 38 Laurel Street

CASE: HPC.DMO 2021.26

APPLICANT: Shang Yang, 25 Grouse St, West Roxbury, MA 02132

OWNER: Same as Applicant

DETERMINATION: Historically Significant

DECISION DATE: November 16, 2021

This decision summarizes the findings made by the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) at their November 16, 2021, meeting regarding the historic significance of **the principal structure** located at **38 Laurel Street**.

### SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL

The Applicant proposes to demolish the structure located at **38 Laurel Street**.

### DETERMINATION

It has been determined that **the principal structure at 38 Laurel Street** is "at least 75 years old," and the HPC voted 5-0 that it is **Historically Significant** according to criteria **a** and **b** of the **Demolition Review Ordinance (DRO)** which reads as follows:

- a. 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.*
- 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 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.*

In their deliberations, the HPC discussed that the structure retains its original Italianate style and massing and contributes to the overall street scape of circa 1870 wood frame structures

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 **38 Laurel Street** should be "preferably reserved".

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