



City of Somerville  
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
City Hall 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville MA 02143

**DECISION**

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**PROPERTY ADDRESS:** 326 Lowell Street  
**PERMIT NUMBER:** HP23-000064  
**OWNER:** 326-328 Lowell Street, LLC  
**OWNER ADDRESS:** 718 Washington St, South Easton, MA 02375  
**APPLICANT:** Alfa Excavation Inc.  
**APPLICANT ADDRESS:** 718 Washington St, South Easton MA 02375  
**DECISION:** **Preferably Preserved**  
**DECISION DATE:** March 19, 2024

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This decision summarizes the findings made by the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) regarding whether the principal structure at 326 Lowell Street should or should not be Preferably Preserved.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

- The Applicant seeks to demolish a building that is at least 75 years of age.

**DETERMINATION**

At their meeting on March 19, 2024, the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) voted 5-0 that the principal structure located at 326 Lowell Street is **Preferably Preserved** in accordance with *Section 7-28, subsection (f) (5)* of the Demolition Review Ordinance 2020-22, as amended 12-08-2022. The following finding applies:

*a. "...the demolition of the building would be detrimental to the architectural, cultural, political, economic, or social heritage of the city."*

During their deliberations, the Commission found that the structure was an early (1850s) example of its kind, noted its unusual orientation to the street, and that it retains its original massing and five bay façade with center entrances.

Therefore, the principal structure located at 326 Lowell Street may not be demolished and the 18-month demolition delay is hereby imposed.

Issued by the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC):

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

Robin Kelly, *Vice-Chair*  
Denise Price  
Daniel Coughlin, *Alt*