



City of Somerville

## HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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**ADDRESS:** 11 Thorpe Street

**CASE:** HPC.ALT 2023.41

**APPLICANT:** Griffin Dunn, 11 Thorpe St, Somerville, MA 02143

**OWNER:** Same as Applicant

**DETERMINATION:** *Conditional* **CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS (CA)**

**DECISION DATE:** August 01, 2023

This decision summarizes the findings made by the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) or their designee regarding the proposal *for installation of tracking lines* as submitted for the **Local Historic District (LHD) property at 11 Thorpe Street**.

### SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL

- Installation of two tracking lines on the left elevation of the structure to service a condenser system in the rear.

### DETERMINATION

The applicable portions of the *Design Guidelines* are **A. Exterior Walls & B. Roofs**

The HPC voted 7-0 to approve the request for a Certificate of Appropriateness for installation of two tracking lines to service a condenser system in the rear. In their discussion, the HPC discussed their appreciation of the placement of the condenser in the rear. The HPC also discussed that they should be allowing efficiency improvements, where possible.

The HPC then voted 7-0 to grant a ***CONDITIONAL* CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS (CA)**.

The following conditions apply. Failure to comply with this Certificate and the conditions added thereto may result in delays to final sign-offs, removal of incongruous/inappropriate materials or incongruously/inappropriately-designed replacement features, CO, or other changes/ delays.

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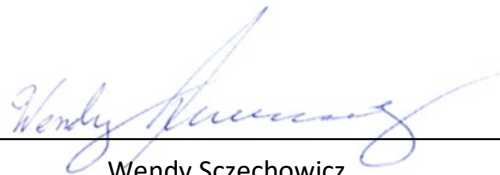
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## CONDITIONS

1. The Applicant/Owner shall file the Certificate with the Inspectional Services Department (ISD) by uploading it to the CitizenServe permitting portal with their application for zoning compliance/building permit.
2. This Certificate is valid for one year. If work has not commenced within one year of the HPC's date of determination, this Certificate shall expire, and the Applicant shall re-apply for re-issuance of this Certificate. Provided that no changes have been made to the proposal, this shall be a Staff-level re-issuance of the Certificate.
3. Any changes to this proposal made prior to the commencement of work or in-the-field changes shall be submitted to Preservation Planning for their review to determine if the changes come under the purview of the HPC. Failure to seek approval for changes may delay final sign-offs/Cos.
4. Tracking lines shall be wrapped to match the portion of the building against which it rests.
5. The Applicant shall contact Preservation Planning at [historic@somervillema.gov](mailto:historic@somervillema.gov) a minimum of 15 business days prior to final ISD walk-through so that Preservation Planning or their designee can confirm if the project was completed according to HPC approvals.

Submitted:



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