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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

6:45 p.m. on Tuesday, September 21, 2021

The Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) will hold a public meeting and public hearings on Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at 6:45pm on the following applications, in accordance with the Historic Districts Act, Chapter 40C of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, and/or the City of Somerville Code of Ordinances, Pt. II, Chap. 7, Sections 7-16 – 7-28.

Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, this meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission will be conducted via remote participation. An audio recording of these proceedings will be available upon request to historic@somervillema.gov.

Meeting called to order at 6:48 p.m. by Eric Parkes

Members present: Eric Parkes (Chair), Robin Kelly (Vice Chair), Dick Bauer, Ryan Falvey, Adam Wylie

Staff present: Wendy Sczechowicz, Charlotte Leis.

Others present: Raymond A. Snow, Damon Sidel, Sal Querusio, Judith Klausner, Mark Colling, Attila Javor



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I. Determinations of HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE (Step 1 in the Demolition Process)

1. HPC.DMO 2021.19 – 15-16 WINTER HILL CIRCLE

Applicant: Raymond A. Snow

Owner: Raymond A Snow, trustee of 84 Linden Realty Trust

Demolish principal structure

- The property consists of two lots at the end of Winter Hill Circle.
- Vice Chair Kelly pointed out that architectural details are missing but original rooflines and dormers are present.
- Elements of Greek Revival and Queen Anne styles
- Mr. Bauer asked why the building can't be saved - scale and massing seems to be reusable. Currently two detached units – The Architect suggested that it is not an easy building to inhabit with what is currently there.
- Up-zoned to UR on one site and MR on the other - Desire to make strip of Broadway denser.
- Mr. Falvey asked about streetscape.

Public Comment:

- Seth Horwitz spoke and asked about what would be built in its place.
- Chair Parkes reminded everyone present that we do not have purview of what the building will be replaced with.
- Public hearing closed

HPC Action: The Commission voted (5-0) to declare the property Historically Significant.

Roll call vote: Robin Kelly: yes; Dick Bauer: yes; Eric Parkes: yes; Ryan Falvey: yes; Adam Wylie: yes

Findings:

- *Remaining mass and form reflecting its style*
- *Somewhat distinct character*

HPC Action: The Commission voted (5-0) to accept the above findings.

Roll call vote: Robin Kelly: yes; Dick Bauer: yes; Eric Parkes: yes; Ryan Falvey: yes; Adam Wylie: yes

2. HPC.DMO 2021.20 – 16 WOODBINE STREET

Applicant: Sal Querusio

Owner: Mark R. & Jill T. Ardelino

Demolish principal structure

- The Applicant was unable to join the meeting with audio and so requested a continuance to the October HPC meeting

HPC Action: N/A

Roll call vote: N/A

Findings: N/A

HPC Action: N/A

Roll call vote: N/A

II. Alterations to Local Historic District (LHD) Properties

1. HPC.ALT 2021.48 – 8 ALDERSEY STREET

Applicant: HKF Construction

Owner: Judith Klausner

Installation of rear pergola

- Owner described project and need for shade and edging outdoor space
- Secretary Wylie asked about visibility
- Chair Parkes pointed out it is not very visible, and the design is sympathetic to the building
- Vice Chair Kelly pointed out that it could be removed at a later date and not impact the structure

HPC Action: The Commission voted (5-0) to allow for the installation of rear deck, and the retroactive approval of the removal of the brick chimney

Roll call vote: Robin Kelly: yes; Dick Bauer: yes; Eric Parkes: yes; Ryan Falvey: yes; Adam Wylie: yes

2. HPC.ALT 2021.45 – 36 CHERRY STREET

Applicant: Mark Colling

Owner: Jared Floyd

Alterations to garage structure

- Mark Colling is an architect with Merrimac design
- Restoration of 1890 shingle style house
- Replace siding on garage and remove vinyl door and plastic louvers with materials more appropriate with main house
- Discussion and email about actual age of garage - torn down and rebuilt in the 70s
- Mr. Bauer asked about the historic garage door vs aluminum panel door
- Chair Parkes said the massing is an angle and it is far from the street
- Chair Parkes also asked about the garage door - suggested it could be panels to look better
- Secretary Wylie pointed out the door is far from the street
- Mr. Bauer doesn't love the door but understands the constraints
- Chair Parkes agreed

HPC Action: The Commission voted (5-0) to allow the alterations including the garage door and gutters as proposed

Roll call vote: Robin Kelly: yes; Dick Bauer: yes; Eric Parkes: yes; Ryan Falvey: yes; Adam Wylie: yes

3. HPC.ALT 2021.50 – 33 WARREN AVENUE

Applicant: 33 Warren Ave, LLC

Owner: Same as applicant

Retroactive Commission approval for removal of exterior feature visible from a public way

- The Applicant voiced frustration regarding the process
- The Applicant had been told to replace the front door and, in the process, removed the fan light
- Chair Parkes thinks the fan light may not be original
- Mr. Bauer agreed that he thought the fan light was not original



- Discussion of whether or not the fanlight should have been included as part of the front door
- Mr. Falvey commended the Applicant/Owner for efforts on getting quality doors and said they look great

HPC Action: Vote to retroactively approve the removal of the fan light

Role call vote: Dick Bauer: yes; Eric Parkes: yes; Ryan Falvey: yes; Adam Wylie: yes
(Vice Chair Kelly abstained from the entire case)

III. Other Business

- Minutes 8/17
 - Board voted to approve with edits. Dick Bauer: yes; Eric Parkes: yes; Ryan Falvey: yes 4 voted yes
 - Secretary Wylie abstained from the vote to clean up typos and clerical items
- CPC Update
 - Clerical error, there was no CPC update as Mr. Bingham was absent

IV. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn and roll call vote

Motion to adjourn

Robin second

All in favor yes

Role call - all yes

While City Hall is closed in response to the COVID19 pandemic, case documents reviewed by the HPC are only available on the City website at <https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/historic-preservation/hpc-cases> . As cases may be continued to a later date, please check the agenda (posted 48 hours in advance of the meeting) on the City website or email historic@somervillema.gov to inquire if specific cases will be heard. Continued cases will not be re-advertised. Interested persons may provide spoken remarks to the Historic Preservation Commission at the virtual public hearing or via e-mail to historic@somervillema.gov . All written comments must be received by NOON, one week prior to the date of the HPC meeting.