



City of Somerville
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
City Hall 3rd Floor, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville MA 02143

DECISION

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 9 Olive Ave
PERMIT NUMBER: HP23-000071
OWNER: Robert DiPierro
OWNER ADDRESS: 271 Salem Street Unit E, Woburn, MA 01801
APPLICANT: 9 Olive Ave Development LLC
APPLICANT ADDRESS: 271 Salem Street, Unit E, Woburn, MA 01801
DECISION: Not Preferably Preserved with Conditions
DECISION DATE: April 16, 2024

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This decision summarizes the findings made by the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) regarding whether the principal structure at 9 Olive Ave should or should not be Preferably Preserved.

LEGAL NOTICE

- The Applicant seeks to demolish a building constructed a minimum of 75 years ago.

DETERMINATION

At their meeting on April 16, 2024, the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) voted unanimously (4-0) that the principal structure located at 9 Olive Ave is **Not Preferably Preserved with Conditions**, in accordance with *Section 7-28, subsection (f) (5)* of the Demolition Review Ordinance 2020-22, as amended 12-08-2022. By making this determination, the HPC has deemed that the demolition of the building at 9 Olive Ave would not be detrimental to the architectural, cultural, political, economic, or social heritage of the City.

During their deliberations, the Commission found that partial demolition of the exterior of the building would not be detrimental to the architectural, cultural, political, economic, or social heritage of the city, and that the proposed renovations substantially maintain the street character, and its relation and scale to the neighboring buildings. They added two conditions of approval, Conditions #2 and #3 listed below, in order to help maintain the character and scale of the neighborhood.

Therefore, in accordance with the Demolition Review Ordinance (DRO) the principal structure located at 9 Olive Ave may be demolished only after Preservation Planning Staff has signed off the pre-demolition conditions set forth by the Commission.

CONDITIONS

1. **Digital photographs (interior & exterior):** Digital photographs consistent with the standards set by the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) shall be taken of each elevation of the building as well as of the building interior.
Digital files shall be named indicating the portion of the building represented in the photograph (elevation (right, left, front, rear), interior room use, etc.) Digital photos shall be submitted to Preservation Planning in OSPCD on a jump (thumb) drive and via email.
2. The structure, as renovated, shall retain the form and massing of the front façade of the building, including the porch.

3. The structure, as renovated, shall reflect the general character and be similar in appearance to "Scheme 1" of the proposed renderings presented to at the April 16, 2024 Historic Preservation Commission Hearing.

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*