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ALTERATION OF A LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT (LHD) PROPERTY STAFF REPORT

Site: 33 Bow Street

Case: HP24-000049

Applicant: Joy Street Design, Inc.

Owner: The Somerville Community Corporation,

Inc.

Legal Ad: The Applicant seeks a Certificate of Appropriateness to alter an LHD property by

replacing windows and doors.

HPC Meeting Date: July 16, 2024



The purpose of a staff report is to provide the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) with a professional assessment of alteration proposals made for Local Historic District (LHD) properties. These assessments are based on the Historic District Ordinance (HDO) in compliance with M.G.L. Chapter 40C, and the associated Design Guidelines. A Staff Report is <u>not</u> a determination/decision and does not represent findings. A staff report does not constitute authorization in any form.



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I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Subject Property

The locus is the c.1892 wood-framed building originally known as "The Richmond" but colloquially referred to today as "The Druit Block". The building was originally constructed to have commercial spaces on the ground floor and residential units above. This configuration is still seen today with storefront systems on the street level and residential-style windows on the floor above.

A description of the property is provided in the attached Form B survey held by the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC).

Proposal

The Applicant proposes the following alterations which come under the purview of the HPC:

1. Window replacement

Replace all windows on the building.

- Existing wood windows will be replaced with new simulated divided lite wood windows with internal spacers and trapezoidal muntins. Lite patters of new windows will match lite patterns of existing windows. Window trim will be repaired or replaced in-kind with matching detail.
- ***Note: Existing vinyl windows will be replaced with vinyl windows (<u>This in-kind replacement is allowed approval at Staff level without HPC public hearing review. This information is added by Staff simply to describe the scope of the project, particularly as existing vinyl windows are identified in the attached project plan set.)
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2. Exterior door replacement

- Existing wood doors will be replaced with new solid wood doors to match.
- ***Note: Existing insulated steel doors will be replaced with new insulated steel doors. New doors will have vision panels to match where an existing door has a vision panel. (This in-kind replacement is allowed approval at Staff level and without HPC public hearing review. This information is added by Staff simply to describe the scope of the project, particularly as existing insulated steel doors are identified in the attached project plan set.)

3. Storefront system replacement

• Existing storefront system openings will be replaced with new insulated unit storefront systems. Custom infill panels will be used to match existing details.

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II. FINDINGS

The HPC must make findings based on the Historic District Ordinance (HDO) in compliance with M.G.L. Chapter 40C, and associated Design Guidelines. The applicable Design Guideline is **Section II Specific Guidelines**, (C) Windows and Doors, items 1 and 2 which reads as follows:

1. Retain original and later important door and window openings where they exist. Do not enlarge or reduce door and window openings for the purpose of fitting stock window sash or doors, or air conditioners.

2. Whenever possible, repair and retain original or later important window elements such as sash, lintels, sill, architraves, glass, shutters and other decorative elements and hardware. When replacement of materials or elements is necessary, it should be based on physical or documentary evidence. If aluminum windows must be installed, select a baked finish that matches as closely as possible the color of the existing trim. Investigate weather-stripping and storm windows with a baked enamel finish as an alternative to the replacement of historic sash.

Preservation Planning Assessment:

The Applicant's proposal does not call for new, larger, or smaller window openings (including storefront systems) nor a change of location. The Applicant's proposal does intend to repair and retain sills and trim on the residential unit windows; if such elements are damaged beyond repair, they will be replaced in-kind. The Applicant does propose custom infill panels to match the existing ones on the storefront systems.

The Applicant proposes to remove existing wood windows on residential units. If not original to the building, they are old enough to have become historic in their own right. The Guidelines state that such elements should be retained and repaired when possible. While the Applicant's proposal calls for removal of these windows, they propose to replace them with wood windows that also have a matching wood muntin profile.

The exterior wood doors, if not original to the building, are old enough to have become historic in their own right. As with historic wood windows, Guidelines call for retention and repair. That said, the Applicant's door replacement proposal will see solid wood replacement doors match the existing in terms of detail, including paneling size and placement.

Note: Close-up images of windows and doors can be found in the attached plan set. Use your screen's zoom function to enlarge.

III. VOTE

- The HPC must determine if, based on a review of the documentation presented, the proposed project complies with the Design Guidelines.
- The HPC must structure their motion to include their own specific findings on the prosed project.

IV. RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS

IF the HPC approves the Applicant's proposal for the property, Preservation Planning recommends the following conditions be attached to any Certificate of Appropriateness that the HPC might grant for this project:

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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 a 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, or the work stalls for a significant period of time and does not recommence, 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. All replacement windows shall follow the same muntin pattern as the existing windows each replaces.
- 4. Replacement windows shall not present a warped or mirrored reflection.
- 5. Replacement windows shall not be tinted.
- 6. Replacement windows shall be wood with muntins applied to the exterior of the glass.
- 7. Any surrounding window trim that is compromised shall be repaired or replaced in-kind with the same design, profile, and materials. Wholesale replacement of window trim as a part of this project is not permitted without HPC approval (see condition #10).
- 8. Replacement wood doors shall match the paneling design, placement, and profiles of existing wood doors.
- 9. Custom infill panels will be used to match details of existing panels on the storefront systems.
- 10. 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.
- 11. The Applicant shall contact Preservation Planning at **historic@somervillema.gov** a minimum of fifteen (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.
- 12. The applicant shall provide photo documentation as proof that the project was completed according to HPC approvals and conditions. Preservation Planning Staff shall review and confirm compliance via email to the applicant.

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Inventory No: SMV.26

Historic Name: Richmond, The

Common Name:

Address: 33-37 Bow St

City/Town: Somerville

Village/Neighborhood: Prospect Hill;

Local No:

Year Constructed: 1892

Architectural Style(s): Victorian Eclectic;

Architect(s): Druit;

Use(s): Apartment House; Commercial Block;

Significance: Architecture; Commerce;

Area(s): SMV.A

Designation(s): Nat'l Register District (03/26/1976); Local Historic District (03/11/1985);

Building Materials: Wall: Wood; Wood Clapboard;

Demolished No



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Massachusetts Historical Commission
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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION VSG BOSA Office of the Secretary. State House, Boston

3/26/76 NR - Bow Street H.D.

1. Town

Somerville

3/11/85

In Area no.

Form no.



4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

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	Name "The Richmond"					
	Present use commercial-residential(apts					
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	Present owner A.D.S. Realty					
	Description:					
	Date 1892					
	Source on bldg. over entrance					
	Style commercial-tenement block Architect Builder: Mr. Druit					
						Exterior wall fabric clapboard
	Outbuildings (describe) none Other features tower. three bays.					
						cornice overhang. Classical trim
		AlteredDate				
		MovedDate				
5.	Lot size:					

NEALEY SUMMER DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE USGS Quadrant MHC Photo no.

One acre or less * Over one acre Approximate frontage 50' Wesley Pk., 60' Approximate distance of building from street

on sidewalk

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Subsequent uses (if any) an	d dates_	same			
Themes (check as many as applicable)					
Aboriginal Agricultural Architectural	x	Conservation Education Exploration/ settlement	х	Recreation Religion Science/ invention	

The use of pilasters entablatures arched openings pediments and bold cornices suggests a Renaissance Revival influence in this four story commercial-tenement, built by the same architect who designed the building at 58-68 Bow Street. Sited at Bow and Wesley Streets, a tower with hexagonal concave roof is placed on the corner. There are several bay windows on each side set between a small 1st floor cornice and the projecting cornice of the flat roof. This type of store-and-tenement block (as opposed to the single-store with single-dwelling row house type) has several floors of flats above the shops. This type of low-cost city dwelling superceded row housing. When this type of housing became more respectable (in the 1890's in Cambridge), the type of apartment that we are familiar with today evolved. *

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^{10.} Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

^{*} Guide to Cambridge Architecture, Robert Bell Rettig. MIT Press Cambridge Mass. 1969. p. H24, H48

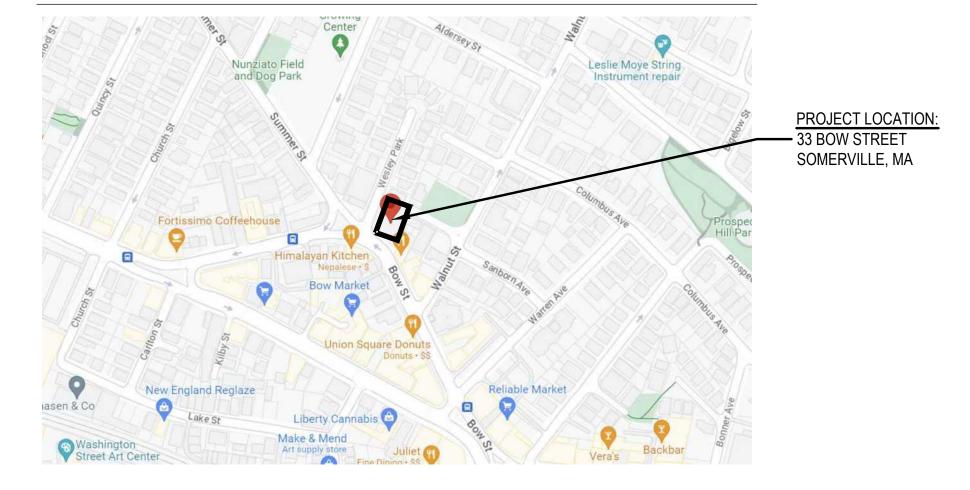
RENOVATION TO

BOW LINDEN

33 BOW STREET, SOMERVILLE, MA 02143



LOCATION MAP



UNIT AREA MATRIX					
UNIT 101	811 SF				
UNIT 102	790 SF				
UNIT 201	813 SF				
UNIT 202	786 SF				
UNIT 203	898 SF				
UNIT 204	1152 SF				
UNIT 205	1453 SF				
UNIT 301	813 SF				
UNIT 302	786 SF				
UNIT 303	898 SF				
UNIT 304	1152 SF				
UNIT 305	1453 SF				
UNIT 401	813 SF				
UNIT 402	786 SF				
UNIT 403	898 SF				
UNIT 404	824 SF				
UNIT 405	836 SF				
UNIT 406	832 SF				

DRAWING LIST

ARCHITECTURAL

WINDOW NOTES, TYPES & SCHEDULES STOREFRONT TYPES & HARDWARE SCHEDULES PHOTOGRAPHS PHOTOGRAPHS

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