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HISTORICARRESERVATION COMMISSION

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ADDRESS:

722 Broadway

CASE:

HPC.DMO 2021.29

APPLICANT:

Di Camillo Associates, LLC, 153 Essex St, Lynnfield, MA 01940

OWNER:

Same as applicant

DETERMINATION: Historically Significant

DECISION DATE: January 25, 2022

This decision summarizes the findings made by the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) at their January 25, 2022, meeting regarding the historic significance of the principal structure located at 722 Broadway.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL

The Applicant proposes to demolish the structure located at 722 Broadway.

DETERMINATION

It has been determined that the principal structure at 722 Broadway is "at least 75 years old." and the HPC voted 6-0 that it is Historically Significant according to criteria b of the Demolition Review Ordinance (DRO) which reads as follows:

b. The findings for historical and/or architectural significance of a historic property address the period, style, method of building construction and association with a reputed architect or builder of the subject property, either by itself of in the context of a group of buildings or structures, and therefore it is in the public interest to be preserved or rehabilitated rather than to be demolished.

In their deliberations, the HPC discussed that the building retains its architectural form and massing, and that it is part of a consistent streetscape of structures built at the same time and in the same design.

Therefore, in accordance with the Demolition Review Ordinance (DRO), the HPC shall next conduct a public hearing during which the Commission will discuss whether or not the principal structure at 722 Broadway should be "preferably reserved".

Submitted on behalf of the HPC:

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