

City of Somerville

## HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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53 Broadway

CASE:

HPC.DMO 2022.02

APPLICANT:

Ben Rogan, 100 Winchester St, Medford, MA 02155

OWNER:

CDA Realty, LLC, 45 Broadway, P.O. Box 45459, Somerville, MA 02145

**DETERMINATION:** Preferably Preserved

**DECISION DATE:** March 15, 2022

This decision summarizes the findings made by the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) at their March 15, 2022, meeting regarding the preferable preservation of 53 Broadway.

## SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL

The Applicant proposes to demolish the principal structure located at 53 Broadway.

## **DETERMINATION**

The HPC voted 4-0 that the structure at **53 Broadway** is Preferably Preserved such:

That the demolition of the building(s) at 53 Broadway would be detrimental to the architectural, cultural, political, economic, or social heritage of the City.

In their deliberations, the HPC found that the structure retains its original form, massing, and most of the original architectural details. The Commission noted that the four-story wood frame structure is important within the context of the neighborhood and in relation to the attached neighboring building.

Therefore, in accordance with Demolition Review Ordinance (DRO), 53 Broadway has been determined to be "preferably preserved" and an 18-month demolition delay is imposed.

Submitted on behalf of the HPC:

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