

City of Somerville

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

City Hall 3rd Floor, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville MA 02143

DECISION

PROPERTY ADDRESS:

80 Curtis Street

PERMIT NUMBER:

HP24-000059

OWNER:

Anthony Seretakis

OWNER ADDRESS:

34 Jay Street, Somerville, MA 02144

APPLICANT:

Anthony Seretakis

APPLICANT ADDRESS:

34 Jay Street, Somerville, MA 02144

DECISION:

Historically Significant

DECISION ISSUED:

August 6, 2024

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This decision summarizes the findings made by the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) or their designee regarding the historic significance of the structure at 80 Curtis Street.

LEGAL NOTICE

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

DETERMINATION

It has been determined that the structure at 80 Curtis Street is "at least 75 years old," and the HPC voted 5-0 that it is **Historically Significant** according to criteria a and b of the Demolition Review Ordinance (DRO) which read as follows:

- a. Associated with one or more important historic persons or events, or with the broad architectural, cultural, political, economic or social history of the city or the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; or,
- b. Historically or architecturally significant (in terms of period, style, method of building construction, or association with a reputed architect or builder) either by itself or in the context of a group of buildings, 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 form and massing, that it is significantly older than other houses on the block, and that the low-slung gambrel roof style is unusual in the city.

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 structure at 80 Curtis Street should be "preferably preserved".

Issued on behalf of the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC):

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