



City of Somerville  
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
City Hall 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville MA 02143

**DECISION**

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**PROPERTY ADDRESS:** 33 Vinal Avenue  
**PERMIT NUMBER:** HP24-000045  
**OWNER:** Niranjana Gawli  
**OWNER ADDRESS:** 32 Murdock St, Somerville, MA 02145  
**APPLICANT:** Niranjana Gawli  
**APPLICANT ADDRESS:** 32 Murdock St, Somerville, MA 02145  
**DECISION:** **Historically Significant**  
**DECISION ISSUED:** July 16, 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 33 Vinal Avenue.

**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 33 Vinal Avenue 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:

- 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,*
- 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 architectural form and massing, pairing Second Empire and stick styles. They also note that the additions are old enough to be considered historic in their own right. They further agreed that the scale of the building is charming and that it fits into the pattern of the streetscape.

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 33 Vinal Avenue should be "preferably preserved".

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

Eric Parkes, *Chair*  
Dick Bauer  
Ryan Falvey  
DJ Chagnon, *Alt.*

Robin Kelly, *Vice-Chair*  
Denise Price  
Daniel Coughlin, *Alt.*