



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:** **Preferably Preserved**  
**DECISION DATE:** August 20, 2024

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This decision summarizes the findings made by the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) regarding whether the principal structure at 33 Vinal Avenue should or should not be Preferably Preserved.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

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

**DETERMINATION**

At their meeting on July 16, 2024, the Commission determined the property to be Historically Significant.

At their meeting on August 20, 2024, the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) voted 5-0 that the principal structure located at 33 Vinal Avenue is **Preferably Preserved** in accordance with *Section 7-28, subsection (f) (5)* of the Demolition Review Ordinance 2020-22, as amended 12-08-2022. The following finding applies:

*a. "...the demolition of the building would be detrimental to the architectural, cultural, political, economic, or social heritage of the city."*

During their deliberations, the Commission stated that they believed the property retains historic integrity and contributes to the streetscape, retains most of its original form, massing, and details, and uniquely marries the Second Empire and Stick styles.

Therefore, the principal structure located at 33 Vinal Avenue may not be demolished and the 18-month demolition delay is hereby imposed.

Issued by the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC):

Robin Kelly, *Vice-Chair*  
Denise Price  
Ryan Falvey  
DJ Chagnon, *Alt.*  
Daniel Coughlin, *Alt.*