



City of Somerville
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
City Hall 3rd Floor, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville MA 02143

DECISION

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 60 Franklin Street
PERMIT NUMBER: HP24-000119
OWNER: Shelley J Milligan
OWNER ADDRESS: 60 Franklin Street
APPLICANT: Pablo Picker- Picker Construction
APPLICANT ADDRESS: 15 Paul Gore St. Jamaica Plain MA 02130
DECISION: *Historically Significant*
DECISION DATE: March 4, 2025

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This decision summarizes the findings made by the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) regarding the historic significance of the principal structure at 60 Franklin Street.

LEGAL NOTICE

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

DETERMINATION

At their meeting on March 4, 2025, the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) voted unanimously that the principal structure located at 60 Franklin Street is Historically Significant in accordance with Section 7-28(e)(3)(a)(b) of the Demolition Review Ordinance 2020-22, as amended 12-08-2022. The following findings apply. This building was determined to be:

- 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.*
- 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.*

During their deliberations, the Commission found that the owner/occupant Alice Waterhouse was a significant person in the community and was a prominent figure during the spiritualist movement. Mrs. Waterhouse was among several women who owned homes within the same block around 1874, a rarity during this time period. The principal structure located at 60 Franklin Street will proceed for a future public hearing regarding whether or not it should be Preferably Preserved.

Issued by the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC):

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

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