



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

**DECISION**

2025 MAY 19 10:00

**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:** *Not Preferably Preserved with conditions*  
**DECISION DATE:** May 6, 2025

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE  
SOMERVILLE, MA

This decision summarizes the findings made by the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) regarding whether the principal structure at 60 Franklin Street 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 May 6, 2025, the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) voted unanimously that the principal structure located at 60 Franklin Street is Not Preferably Preserved with Conditions, in accordance with Section 7-28, subsection (f) (5) of the Demolition Review Ordinance 2020-22, as amended 12-08-2022. By making this determination, the HPC has deemed that the demolition of the building at 60 Franklin St would not be detrimental to the architectural, cultural, political, economic, or social heritage of the City.

During their deliberations, the Commission found that the demolition of the building would not be detrimental to the architectural, cultural, political, economic, or social heritage of the city, and that proposed signage signifying the importance of the original owner Alice Waterhouse is acceptable.

Therefore, in accordance with the Demolition Review Ordinance (DRO) the principal structure located at 60 Franklin St may be demolished only after Preservation Planning Staff has signed off the pre-demolition conditions set forth by the Commission.

**CONDITIONS**

1. **Historic Signage:** A sign designed by the Preservation Planning staff will be placed on the property with information about the previous owner, Alice Waterhouse, and her significance to the Spiritualism movement. The sign will also contain information about the block of the neighborhood having several female owners in a small area in the late 1800s, which was very uncommon during this time period. Signage size, materials, text, images, and design will be determined by City Staff.
2. **Prior to CO:** Signage must be installed and approved by staff prior to the owner receiving CO for the proposed new structure. Owner cannot receive CO until this is completed.

Issued by the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC):

Eric Parkes, *Chair*

Robin Kelly, *Vice-Chair*



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