

## City of Somerville

# HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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

### **DECISION**

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**PROPERTY ADDRESS:** 

80 Irving Street

HP25-000051

OWNER:

Daniel A. Casparriello and Amanda A. Casparriello

OWNER ADDRESS:

80 Irving Street, Somerville, MA 02144

APPLICANT:

Daniel A. Casparriello

**APPLICANT ADDRESS:** 

PERMIT NUMBER:

80 Irving Street, Somerville, MA 02144

**DECISION:** 

**Historically Significant** 

**DECISION ISSUED:** 

July 24, 2025

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

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

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

#### **DETERMINATION**

At their meeting on July 15, 2025, the HPC opened the case and it was determined that the structure at 80 Irving 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 house is part of the pattern of the streetscape, matching the four houses to the north, and retains its original massing and some of the detailing. It also represents the history of Somerville workers, being a style that historically housed the working class in Davis Square.

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 Irving Street 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