



City of Somerville
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 64 Dane Street
PERMIT NUMBER: HP25-000020
OWNER/APPLICANT: Alex Grodd & Morgan Hanger
ADDRESS: 64 Dane St, Somerville, MA 02143
DECISION: Certificate of Appropriateness
DECISION ISSUED: September 11, 2025

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This decision summarizes the findings made by the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) or their designee regarding the Local Historic District property at 64 Dane Street.

SCOPE OF WORK

- Replacement of asphalt shingles on the porch roof.
- In-kind replacement of pierced columns with replicas.
- Re-use of guardrail with in-kind replacement of certain wood balusters
- In-kind replacement of wood deck flooring and concealed brick piers.

DETERMINATION

Under the Somerville Historic Districts Ordinance (HDO) proposed alterations of Local Historic District (LHD) properties must conform to specific criteria set out in the *Design Guidelines*. In the instance of 64 Dane Street, the proposal meets the following criteria set out in *Design Guideline Section I, General Guidelines, Item D*, which reads as follows:

- D. When replacement of architectural features is necessary, it should be based on physical or documentary evidence of the original or later important features.

The proposal also meets the following criteria set out in *Design Guideline Section II, Specific Guidelines, D. Porches, steps, trim and other exterior architectural elements, Item 1*, which reads as follows:

1. Retain and repair porches and steps that are original or later important features, including such items as railings, balusters, columns, posts, brackets, roofs, ornamental ironwork and other important decorative items. If new pieces are needed, they should match as closely as possible the style, shape, scale and materials of the old. Avoid replacing wood posts and railings with metal ones, or wood porch decks with concrete.

The Applicant has provided a letter from an engineer with evidence of the structural deterioration of the porch and the necessity of replacement. The Applicant has also provided a narrative describing that the features, such as the posts and railings, will be replaced with wood. The pierced columns, which are an original important feature, are to be replaced in-kind with wood replicas.

Due to the description of the work, the images of the proposed work submitted by the Applicant, and the provisions set forth in the Historic District Ordinance (HDO) and related Design Guidelines, the Applicant is granted a **Certificate of Appropriateness**.

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

Eric Parkes, *Chair*
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