



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

20 FEBRUARY 2024 MEETING MINUTES

This meeting was conducted via remote participation on Zoom.

NAME	TITLE	STATUS	ARRIVED
Eric Parkes	Chair	<i>Present</i>	
Robin Kelly	Vice Chair	<i>Present</i>	
Ryan Falvey	Member	<i>Absent</i>	
Dick Bauer	Member	<i>Absent</i>	
Denis (DJ) Chagnon	Alt. Member	<i>Present</i>	
Colin Curzi	Member	<i>Absent</i>	
Denise Price	Member	<i>Absent</i>	
Dan Coughlin	Member	<i>Present</i>	

City staff present: Wendy Sczechowicz (Planning, Preservation, & Zoning)

The meeting was called to order at 6:50pm and adjourned at 7:19pm.

PUBLIC HEARING: Alterations to Local Historic District (LHD) Properties
HP23-000058 – 15 Adams Street
(continued from 6 February 2024)

The applicant team explained the revised plan, showing the exterior existing conditions and proposed new conditions. New exterior window option A is proposed. All the windows on the second floor of that elevation are proposed to be razed and realigned with the original historic window. There is also a proposal to shorten two of the windows on the far left of the elevation on the second floor to accommodate for the kitchen counter. One window, under the third floor, is proposed to be added, centered, and aligned with the historic windows. The proposed window replacements are Marvin with simulated divided lights and a dark spacer bar between the interiors.

Chair Parkes opened public testimony. Seeing no public comment, Chair Parkes closed public testimony.

There was discussion by the Commission regarding option A. It was agreed that this proposal seems to make the windows look more harmonious.

Following a motion by Vice Chair Kelly, seconded by Member Coughlin, the Commission voted unanimously (4-0) to approve option A and all the conditions noted in the Staff Report.

RESULT:

APPROVED

The Commission noted that, due to Commissioners needing to recuse themselves from the next two items, there would not be a quorum and the items would need to be continued to 19 March 2024.

PUBLIC HEARING: Alterations to Local Historic District (LHD) Properties
HP23-000051 – 57 Columbus Avenue

Following a motion by Member Chagnon, seconded by Vice Chair Kelly, the Commission voted unanimously (4-0) to continue 57 Columbus Avenue to 19 March 2024, due to lack of quorum.

RESULT:

CONTINUED

**PUBLIC HEARING: Alterations to Local Historic District (LHD) Properties
HP23-000083 – 30 Bow Street**

Following a motion by Vice Chair Kelly, seconded by Member Falvey, the Commission voted unanimously (4-0) to continue 30 Bow Street to 19 March 2024, due to lack of quorum.

RESULT:

CONTINUED

**PUBLIC HEARING: Determinations of Historic Significance
(Step 1 in the Demolition Review Process)
HP23-000054 – 326 Lowell Street**

It was noted that the applicant was not present.

Following a motion by Vice Chair Kelly, seconded by Member Chagnon, the Commission voted unanimously (4-0) to continue 326 Lowell Street to 19 March 2024, as the applicant was not present.

RESULT:

CONTINUED

OTHER BUSINESS: CPC Update

The Commission discussed the CPC update. The CPC is in the process of evaluating ways to improve outreach for publicity.

OTHER BUSINESS: Meeting Minutes

The Commission tabled discussion of the 6 February 2024 meeting minutes until the next meeting.

NOTICE: These minutes constitute a summary of the votes and key discussions at this meeting. To review a full recording, please contact the Planning, Preservation & Zoning Division at planning@somervillema.gov.