



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

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 36 Beacon Street
PERMIT NUMBER: HP25-000070
OWNER: 36 Beacon LLC
OWNER ADDRESS: 831 Beacon St #425, Newton MA, 02459
APPLICANT: David Cameron
APPLICANT ADDRESS: 1039 Massachusetts Ave, Cambridge, MA 02138
DECISION: Certificate of Appropriateness
DECISION ISSUED: August 07, 2025

This decision summarizes the findings made by the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) or their designee regarding the Local Historic District property at 36 Beacon Street.

SCOPE OF WORK

- Removal of non-historic screen front doors.
- Replacement and repair of front steps with in-kind materials.
- Removal of a non-historic basement access structure at the front of property to match neighboring row houses.

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 36 Beacon Street, the proposal meets the following criteria set out in *Design Guideline Section I, General Approach and item C. Doors, item D. Porches, and item I. Removal of Later Additions and Alterations*, which read(s) as follows:

C. Retain original and later important door and window openings where they exist, Do not enlarge or reduce door and window openings for the purpose of fitting stock window sash or doors, or air conditioners.

D. 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.

I. 1. Each property will be separately studied to determine if later additions and alterations can, or should be removed. It is not possible to provide a single general guideline.

2. Factors that will be considered include:

- a. compatibility with the original property's integrity in scale, materials and character;*
- b. historic association with the property; and*
- c. quality in the design and execution of the addition*

Due to the description of the work (removal of anachronistic screen doors, in-kind replacement of front steps, and removal of a later, non-historic basement entry whose removal will bring the property closer to its original appearance), and the proposed materials 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*
Dick Bauer
Ryan Falvey

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