



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

**DECISION**

**PROPERTY ADDRESS:** 62 Elmwood Street  
**PERMIT NUMBER:** HP25-000077  
**OWNER:** Deeb Robert Trustee  
**OWNER ADDRESS:** 354 Main Street, Winthrop, MA 02152  
**APPLICANT:** Robert Traywick  
**APPLICANT ADDRESS:** 16 Belmont Drive, Chelmsford, MA 01824  
**DECISION:** ***Not Historically Significant***  
**DECISION DATE:** November 6, 2025

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This decision summarizes the findings made by the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) or their designee regarding the historic significance of the principal building at 62 Elmwood Street.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Determination of Historic Significance  
62 Elmwood Street - HP25-000077  
Applicant: Robert Traywick  
Owner: DEEB Robert Trustee

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

**DETERMINATION**

The HPC held a hearing on October 21, 2025, sitting and present members were Chair Eric Parkes, Vice-Chair Robin Kelly, Dick Bauer (Member) and DJ Chagnon (Alt). Absent members were Ryan Falvey and Denise Price. Based on the applicant's presentation, application materials and staff memorandum, the HPC deliberated and found that the building did not satisfy the requirements to be considered Historic Significant, however there was important information to ask if the applicant would enter a MOA (Memorandum of Agreement) with the City of Somerville, to provide interpretive historic signage on site.

The HPC voted 3-1 to find that the principal building located at 62 Elmwood Street is **Not Historically Significant** in accordance with *Section 7-28 (e) (3) (b)* of the Demolition Review Ordinance (DRO) 2020-22, as amended 12-08-2022. The HPC found that the building is **not**:

- 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.*
- 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.*

During their deliberation, the Commission voted 4-0 to adopt the following findings:

- The structure was not related to any historically significant builders, individuals, and the building does not contribute to its streetscape.

- The property has a significant social history in terms of its connection to the African American community of Somerville, as well as having been lived and owned by many African American Somerville residents.

**CONDITION**

- During the meeting the applicant agreed to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the City which will be recorded with the Registry of Deeds, stating that prior to receiving Certificate of Occupancy, interpretive signage presenting the history of the property must be installed.

Once the MOA has been recorded at the Registry of Deeds and proof thereof has been provided to Planning, Preservation, & Zoning (PPZ) staff, the building at 62 Elmwood Street may be released for demolition at the discretion of the Inspectional Services Department (ISD).

Issued by the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC):

Eric Parkes, *Chair*  
Dick Bauer

Robin Kelly, *Vice-Chair*  
DJ Chagnon, *Alt*