



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

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

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PROPERTY ADDRESS: 137 Highland Avenue
PERMIT NUMBER: HP25-000092
OWNER: Brenda Hopkins
OWNER ADDRESS: 137 Highland Avenue Somerville, MA 02143
APPLICANT: Atlantic Masonry Boston Inc
APPLICANT ADDRESS: 14 Nichols Street Swampscott MA. 01907
DECISION: **Conditional** Certificate of Appropriateness
DECISION ISSUED: November 6, 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 137 Highland Avenue.**

SCOPE OF WORK

- Replace asphalt driveway with permeable pavers/cobble.

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 instance of **137 Highland Avenue**, the proposal meets the following criteria set out in Design Guidelines Section H, Landscape Features and Paving, 2, & 3 which are read as follows:

1. *It is recognized that often the environment surrounding the property has a character, scale and street pattern quite different from that existing when the building was constructed. Thus, changes must frequently be made to accommodate the new condition, and the landscape treatment can be seen as a transition feature between the structure and its newer surroundings.*
2. *The existing landforms of the site should not be altered unless shown to be necessary for maintenance of the structure or site. Additional landforms will only be considered if they will not obscure the exterior of the structure.*

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

The Conditions attached to this Certificate are as follows and must be followed by the Applicant/Owner:

CONDITIONS

1. The Applicant shall obtain all necessary permits for this project through the Inspectional Services Department (ISD) and must attach this Certificate to any other such permit applications.
2. This Certificate is for the above-described work only. Any changes to this proposal must be requested by submitting a new application to Citizenserve for a Historic Alteration.
3. Approved work must commence within one year of issuance of this Certificate. If work does not commence within one year, the Applicant/Owner is required to

submit an application for a Historic Alteration through Citizenserve and request that the Certificate be re-issued.

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

Eric Parkes, *Chair*
Dick Bauer
Ryan Falvey

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