



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

DECISION

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 294 Lowell Street, Somerville, MA 02145
PERMIT NUMBER: HP25-000013
OWNER: Yangqing Xu
OWNER ADDRESS: 294 Lowell Street, Somerville, MA 02145
APPLICANT: Adam Dash & Associates- Adam Dash
APPLICANT ADDRESS: 48 Grove Street, Suite 304, Somerville, MA 02144
DECISION: Historically Significant
DECISION DATE: June 17th, 2025

This decision summarizes the findings made by the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) regarding the historic significance of the principal structure at 294 Lowell Street.

LEGAL NOTICE

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

DETERMINATION

At their meeting on June 17th, 2025, the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) voted unanimously that the principal structure located at 294 Lowell Street is Historically Significant in accordance with Section 7-28(e)(3)(a)(b) of the Demolition Review Ordinance 2020-22, as amended 12-08-2022. The following findings apply. This building was determined to be:

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 deliberations, the Commission found that the structure was similar to other Italianate structures built during the same time period in the City of Somerville and on Lowell Street. The Commission found that although some alterations had been made, it is still important architecturally to the streetscape. The principal structure located at 294 Lowell Street will proceed for a future public hearing regarding whether or not it should be Preferably Preserved.

Issued by the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC):

Eric Parkes, Chair

Dick Bauer

Ryan Falvey

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Robin Kelly, Vice-Chair

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