



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

DECISION

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PROPERTY ADDRESS: 294 Lowell Street
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: *Not Preferably Preserved*
DECISION DATE: July 15th, 2025

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
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This decision summarizes the findings made by the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) regarding whether the principal structure at 294 Lowell Street should or should not be preferably preserved.

LEGAL NOTICE

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

DETERMINATION

At their meeting on July 15, 2025, the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) voted unanimously that the principal structure located at 294 Lowell Street is **Not Preferably Preserved**, in accordance with Section 7-28, subsection (f) (5) of the Demolition Review Ordinance 2020-22, as amended 12-08-2022. Present at the meeting were Chair Eric Parkes, Vice Chair Robin Kelly, and Commission members Denise Price, Ryan Falvey, and DJ Chagnon. Commission member Dick Bauer was absent.

During their deliberations, the Commission found that the structure does not retain enough of its historic integrity to be found Preferably Preserved. In their discussion, Commission members found the amount of alterations to the primary structure detracted from its architectural significance and its importance to the surrounding streetscape.

By making this determination, the HPC has deemed that the demolition of the building at 294 Lowell St would not be detrimental to the architectural, cultural, political, economic, or social heritage of the City.

Therefore, in accordance with the Demolition Review Ordinance (DRO) the principal structure located at 294 Lowell St may be demolished only after Preservation Planning Staff has signed off the pre-demolition conditions set forth by the Commission.

Issued by the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC):

Eric Parkes, Chair	Robin Kelly, Vice-Chair
Dick Bauer	Denise Price
Ryan Falvey	
DJ Chagnon, Alt.	