



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

DECISION

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 17 Oak Street
PERMIT NUMBER: HP25-000064
OWNER: Hope and Prospect Development LLC
OWNER ADDRESS: 595 Broadway, Somerville, MA 02145
APPLICANT: Adam Dash & Associates – Adam Dash
APPLICANT ADDRESS: 48 Grove Street, Suite 304, Somerville, MA 02144
DECISION: *Historically Significant*
DECISION DATE: September 2nd, 2025

This decision summarizes the findings made by the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) regarding whether the principal building at 17 Oak Street is or is not Historically Significant.

LEGAL NOTICE

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

DETERMINATION

At their meeting on September 2nd, 2025, the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) voted unanimously that the principal structure located at 17 Oak Street is Historically Significant in accordance with *Section 7-28(e)(3)(b)* of the Demolition Review Ordinance 2020-22, as amended 12-08-2022. The following findings apply. This building was determined to be:

- 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 Oak Street. The Commission found that although some alterations had been made, it is still important architecturally to the streetscape. The principal structure located at 17 Oak 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
DJ Chagnon, *Alt.*

Robin Kelly, *Vice-Chair*
Denise Price