



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: *Not Preferably Preserved*
DECISION DATE: October 21st, 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 Preferably Preserved.

LEGAL NOTICE

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

DETERMINATION

At their meeting on October 21st, 2025, the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) voted that the principal structure located at 17 Oak Street is ***Not Preferably Preserved*** in accordance with *Section 7-28(e)(3)(b)* of the Demolition Review Ordinance 2020-22, as amended 12-08-2022. Present at the meeting were Chair Eric Parkes, Vice Chair Robin Kelly, Alternate DJ Chagnon, and Commission member Dick Baur. Absent were Commission members Dan Coughlin, Denise Price, and Ryan Falvey.

During their deliberations, Commission members discussed the structure's context within the neighborhood and alterations. Some members of the Commission discussed that there seems to be too much of the original structure intact for it to be determined Not Preferably Preserved. Following a motion by Member Chagnon, seconded by Vice Chair Kelly, the Commission voted (1-2-1), with Member Bauer in favor and Member Chagnon abstaining, to find the building at 17 Oak Street Preferably Preserved.

The Commission rediscussed and made the findings that the building does not contribute to the surrounding streetscape, and the building is not associated with an important architectural style or person. Following a motion by Vice Chair Kelly, seconded by Member Chagnon, the Commission voted (3-0-1), with Member Bauer abstaining, to approve the findings for 17 Oak Street.

By making this determination, the HPC has deemed that the demolition of the building at 17 Oak 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 17 Oak St may be demolished only

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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*
Dick Bauer
Ryan Falvey
DJ Chagnon, *Alt.*

Robin Kelly, *Vice-Chair*
Denise Price
Dan Coughlin