



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

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 17 Summit Street
PERMIT NUMBER: HP25-000049
OWNER: P Jean Galvin
OWNER ADDRESS: 15 Summit Street, Somerville MA 02143
APPLICANT: April Galvin
APPLICANT ADDRESS: 519 Somerville Ave, PMB 141 Somerville MA 02143
DECISION: *Condition Certificate of Appropriateness*
DECISION DATE: May 27, 2025

This decision summarizes the findings made by the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) or their designee regarding the **Local Historic District property at 17 Summit Street.**

SCOPE OF WORK

In-kind replacement of asphalt shingles as follows:

- The owner wishes to replace the 42-year-old asphalt shingled roof with a new asphalt-shingled roof in-kind.

DETERMINATION

Under the Somerville Historic Districts Ordinance (HDO) proposed alterations of Local Historic District (LHD) properties must conform to the specific criteria set out on the Design Guidelines. In the instance of **17 Summit Street**, the proposal meets the following criteria set out in Design Guidelines Section B, Roofs, 3, which reads as follows:

3. *Whenever possible, replace deteriorated roof covering with material that matches the old in composition, color, size, shape, texture and installation detail.*

The Applicant noted in their narrative that the replacement is proposed to be of the same style and material as the original. Either the grey or black color palettes that are attached to this decision is appropriate.

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

The Conditions attached to the 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). The Applicant must upload a copy of this Certificate to their BUILDING PERMIT application and obtain any necessary division/department signoffs.
2. This Certificate is for the above-described work only. Any changes to this proposal shall first be submitted to the Preservation Planning at historic@somervillema.gov for review and approval PRIOR to implementation. Failure to do so will nullify this Certificate and delay final signoffs/CO.
3. Work for which this Certificate must commence within one year of issuance. If work does not commence within one year, the Applicant/Owner shall be required to apply for this Certificate to be re-issued.

The Applicant shall contact Preservation Planning a minimum of 15 business days prior to arranging for final inspection from ISD. Preservation Planners or their designee shall issue a sign-off upon completion of the project that it was executed in accordance with the Certificate of Appropriateness. The Applicant must provide before and after photos of the project area in the email as .JPG attachments.

4. The attachments cannot be embedded in the body of the email.

Contact shall be made at the following email address ONLY:

historic@somervillema.gov

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

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