



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

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 24 Summer Street
PERMIT NUMBER: HP26-000001
OWNER: Dave Athey
OWNER ADDRESS: 24 Summer Street, Somerville MA, 02143
APPLICANT: Dave Athey
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DECISION: **Conditional** Certificate of Appropriateness
DECISION ISSUED: February 19, 2026

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This decision summarizes the findings made by the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) or their designee regarding the **Local Historic District property at 24 Summer Street**.

SCOPE OF WORK

- Replace the front porch with new wood, posts, railings, floorboards, and balusters, which match the existing structure size, shape and material.

DETERMINATION

Under the Somerville Historic Districts Ordinance (HDO) proposed alterations of Local Historic District (LHD) properties must conform to specific criteria set out in the *Design Guidelines*. In instance of **24 Summer Street**, the proposal meets the following criteria set out in Design Guidelines Section D, *Porches, steps, trim and other exterior architectural elements*, item 1 which are read as follows:

1. *Retain and repair porches and steps that are original or later important features, including such items as railings, balusters, columns, posts, brackets, roofs, ornamental ironwork and other important decorative items. If new pieces are needed, they should match as closely as possible the style, shape, scale and materials of the old. Avoid replacing wood posts and railings with metal ones, or wood porch decks with concrete.*

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

The Conditions attached to this 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) and must attach this Certificate to any other such permit applications.
2. This Certificate is for the above-described work only. Any changes to this proposal must be requested by submitting a new application to Citizenserve for a Historic Alteration.
3. Approved work must commence within one year of issuance of this Certificate. If work does not commence within one year, the Applicant/Owner is required to submit an application for a Historic Alteration through Citizenserve and request that the Certificate be re-issued.

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

Eric Parkes, *Chair*
Dick Bauer
Ryan Falvey

Robin Kelly, *Vice-Chair*
Denise Price
DJ Chagnon, *Alt*