



City of Somerville
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

City Hall 3rd Floor, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville MA 02143

DECISION 2025 DEC 18 A 10:02

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 21 Avon Street (Barn)
PERMIT NUMBER: HP25-000081
OWNER: Joseph A. Ferro, Trustee of 21 Avon Street Realty Trust
OWNER ADDRESS: 10 William Street, Bedford, MA 01730
APPLICANT: Law Office of Michael LaRosa LLC- Michael LaRosa
APPLICANT ADDRESS: 161 Third Street, Cambridge, MA 02141
DECISION: *Historically Significant*
DECISION DATE: November 18th, 2025

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This decision summarizes the findings made by the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) regarding whether the barn accessory structure at 21 Avon 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 November 18th, 2025, the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) voted 3-2 that the accessory barn structure located at 21 Avon Street is **Historically Significant** in accordance with Section 7-28(e)(3)(a)(b) of the Demolition Review Ordinance 2020-22, as amended 12-08-2022, which reads as follows:

- a) Associated with one or more important historic persons or events, or with the broad architectural, cultural, political, economic or social history of the city or the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- 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 barn at 21 Avon St was not in great condition but does retain its original massing. Commission member Denise Price noted that the barn was interesting because many barns and carriage houses have been demolished in the city. Commission member Price noted that the barn was used as a blacksmithing business and served the community historically. After discussion, the HPC determined the barn at 21 Avon St 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*
Ryan Falvey
DJ Chagnon, *Alt.*

Robin Kelly, *Vice-Chair*
Denise Price