



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

DECISION

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PROPERTY ADDRESS:	21 Avon Street (House)	CITY CLERK'S OFFICE SOMERVILLE, MA
PERMIT NUMBER:	HP25-000080	
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:	<i>Historically Significant</i>	
DECISION DATE:	November 18 th , 2025	

This decision summarizes the findings made by the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) regarding whether the principal building 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 unanimously that the principal structure located at 21 Avon 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 Avon Street. The Commission found that although alterations have been made, the structure is still important architecturally to the streetscape and retains interesting architectural detailing. The principal structure located at 21 Avon 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*
Denise Price
Ryan Falvey
DJ Chagnon, *Alt.*

Robin Kelly, *Vice-Chair*