



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

DECISION

2025 MAY 20 PM 1:55

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 6 Wheatland Street
PERMIT NUMBER: HP25-000008
OWNER: NPO Properties LLC
OWNER ADDRESS: 264 Salem Street, Medford, MA 02155
APPLICANT: Adam Dash
APPLICANT ADDRESS: 48 Grove Street, Suite 304, Somerville, MA 02144
DECISION: **NOT Historically Significant**
DECISION ISSUED: May 20, 2025

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This decision summarizes the findings made by the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) regarding the historic significance of the principal building at 6 Wheatland Street.

LEGAL NOTICE

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

DETERMINATION

A motion to declare the principal structure 'historically significant' resulted in a 2-2 tie vote. Because of this, the motion failed and, therefore, the principal structure at 6 Wheatland is **NOT Historically Significant** according to criteria a and b of the Demolition Review Ordinance (DRO) which reads as follows:

- 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; or,*
- 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.*

In their deliberations, the HPC stated that the structure was not related to any historically significant builders, individuals, or events and that the architectural details were not original. The HPC did note that the structure was one of the first built on the street, is older than 150 years, and is a complete and intact example of worker housing.

Therefore, in accordance with the Demolition Review Ordinance (DRO), 6 Wheatland Street may be released for demolition at the discretion of the Inspectional Services Department (ISD).

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.*