



City of Somerville

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Tufts Administration Building, Suite 211, 167 Holland Street, Somerville MA 02144

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 54 Spring Street
PERMIT NUMBER: HP26-000066
OWNER: Yalonda and Sebastian Howze
OWNER ADDRESS: 54 Spring St, Somerville MA 02143
APPLICANT: G.F. Sprague and Company LLC
APPLICANT ADDRESS: 378 University Ave, Westwood MA 02090
DECISION: Certificate of Appropriateness
DECISION ISSUED: August 25, 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 54 Spring Street.

SCOPE OF WORK

- Removal and in-kind replacement of roof shingles
- Removal and in-kind replacement of skylights

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 the instance of 54 Spring Street, the proposal meets the following criteria set out in *Design Guideline Section II, B. Roofs 1, 2, and 3* and *Design Guidelines Section II C. Windows and Doors 1* which read(s) as follows:

1. *Preserve the integrity of the original or later important roof shape.*
2. *Retain the original roof covering whenever possible. If the property has a slate roof, conserve the roof slates. Slate is a near-permanent roofing material, and deterioration is generally caused by rusted roofing nails.*
3. *Whenever possible, replace deteriorated roof covering with material that matches the old in composition, color, size, shape, texture and installation detail.*
4. *Retain original and later important door and window openings where they exist. Do not enlarge or reduce door and window openings for the purpose of fitting stock window sash or doors, or air conditioners.*

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

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 Citizen Serve 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 Historic Alteration through Citizen Serve and request that the Certificate be re-issued.

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



Eric Parkes, Chair

Robin Kelly, *Vice-Chair*
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