



City of Somerville

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 24 Summer Street
PERMIT NUMBER: HP26-000043
OWNER: Dave Athey
OWNER ADDRESS: 24 Summer Street
APPLICANT: Dave Athey
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DECISION: Certificate of Appropriateness
DECISION ISSUED: July 28, 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

- This application proposes rebuilding the chimney closer to the front roofline, with materials that match the existing overall appearance and not make any modifications to the existing height and dimensions.

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 24 Summer Street, the proposal meets the following criteria set out in *Design Guideline Section 1, General Approach and item 2: Masonry* which read(s) as follows:

- Wherever possible, original masonry and mortar should be retained.*
- Original mortar should be duplicated in composition, color, texture, joint size, joint profile and method of application.
- Deteriorated masonry should be repaired and replaced with material which matches as closely as possible the original.
- When masonry is cleaned, only the gentlest methods should be used. Sandblasting is not permitted because of its environmental impact, and because it changes the visual quality of the masonry and accelerates deterioration. Test patches should always be carried out well in advance of cleaning (including, if possible, exposure to all seasons.)
- Because the application of waterproofing or water repellent coatings can accelerate the deterioration of masonry, it should be done only to solve a specific, small-scale problem.

Due to the description of the work, the images of the existing conditions and details of the proposed materials used to rebuild the existing masonry chimney 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

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