



City of Somerville
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Tufts Administration Building, Suite 211, 167 Holland Street, Somerville MA 02144

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 152 Summer Street
PERMIT NUMBER: HP26-000036
OWNER: Pamela Ralston
OWNER ADDRESS: 152 Summer St, Somerville, MA 02143
APPLICANT: Pamela Ralston
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DECISION: **Conditional** Certificate of Appropriateness
DECISION ISSUED: September 2, 2026

This decision summarizes the findings made by the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) or their designee regarding the Local Historic District property at 152 Summer Street.

SCOPE OF WORK

- Replacing rotted cedar shingles with in-kind cedar shingles.

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 152 Summer Street, the proposal meets the following criteria set out in *Design Guideline Section I, General Approach and item A: Exterior Walls* which read(s) as follows:

1. *Wood Siding: clapboards, shingles, board and batten, etc.*
 - a. *Retain and repair original or later important material whenever possible.*
 - b. *Retain and repair, when necessary, replace deteriorated material which matches as closely as possible.*

The shingles are proposed to be replaced with cedar shingles that match the existing materials.

Due to the description of the work, the images of the property and materials 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**.

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*
Dick Bauer
Denise Price
Ryan Falvey
DJ Chagnon, *Alt.*