City of Somerville

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

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PROPERTY ADDRESS:	**30 Bow Street**
PERMIT NUMBER:	HP26-000069
OWNER:	30 Bow LLC
OWNER ADDRESS:	30 Bow Street, Somerville MA 02143
APPLICANT:	30 Bow LLC
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DECISION:	Certificate of Appropriateness
DECISION ISSUED:	October 27, 2026

This decision summarizes the findings made by the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) or their designee regarding the Local Historic District property at 30 Bow Street.

SCOPE OF WORK

- Addition of a wood framed ramped ramp to the rear of the property

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 **30 Bow Street**, the proposal meets the following criteria set out in *Design Guideline Section II, Specific Guidelines items D: Porches, steps, trim and other exterior architectural elements* which read(s) as follows:

> *D.1. Retain and repair porches and steps that are original or later important features, including such items as railing, balusters, columns, posts, brackets, roofs, ornamental ironwork and other important decorative items. IF new pieces are needed, they should match as closely as possible the style, shape, scale, and materials of the old. Avoid replacing wood posts and railings with metal ones, or wood porch decks with concrete.*

Due to the description of the work, the images of the proposed ramp 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 no 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
Ryan Falvey
Denise Price
DJ Chagnon, *Alt.*