City of Somerville

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville MA 02143

DECISION

PROPERTY ADDRESS:	**333 Highland Avenue**
PERMIT NUMBER:	**HP26-000047**
OWNER:	Fan Wang
OWNER ADDRESS:	333 Highland Ave, Somerville, MA 02144
APPLICANT:	Fan Wang
APPLICANT ADDRESS:	333 Highland Ave, Somerville, MA 02144
DECISION:	***Preferably Preserved***
DECISION DATE:	October 20, 2026

This decision summarizes the findings made by the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) regarding whether the principal structure at 333 Highland Avenue should be Preferably Preserved.

LEGAL NOTICE

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Owner: Fan Wang

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

DETERMINATION

At their meeting on October 20, 2026, the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) voted [4-0] that the principal structure located at 333 Highland Avenue is **Preferably Preserved** in accordance with *Section 7-28, subsection (f) (5)* of the Demolition Review Ordinance 2020-22, as amended 12-08-2022. The following finding applies:

> *"…the demolition of the building would be detrimental to the architectural, cultural, political, economic, or social heritage of the city."*

During their deliberations, the Commission discussed the uniqueness of the hip roof in relation to other nearby structures, however they noted that this is not a historic significance aspect. The Commission found that the existing structure is important to the look and feel of the neighborhood as it retains its original mass and form. These elements contribute to the overall rhythm of the streetscape and make this house an important part of the existing historic housing stock on this street.

Therefore, the principal structure located at 333 Highland Avenue may not be demolished and the 18-month demolition delay is hereby imposed.

Issued by the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC):

Eric Parkes, *Chair*

Robin Kelly, *Vice-Chair*
Denise Price
Ryan Falvey