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**Re: Demolition of the c.1869 wood-frame house  
at 28 Clyde Street, Somerville**

**Determined Significant: 5/21/2019**

Sirs,

On Tuesday, May 21, 2019, the Historic Preservation Commission voted unanimously (7-0) to determine the c. 1869 wood-frame dwelling at 28 Clyde Street 'Significant' because the building, per Section 2.17.B of the Demolition Review Ordinance 2003-05, is "at least 50 years old, and is or has been determined by the Commission to be a significant building or structure after a finding that the building or structure is either:

- i. "Importantly associated with one or more historic persons or events, or with the broad architectural, cultural, political, economic or social history of the City or the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or
- ii. "Historically or architecturally significant (in terms of period, style, method of building construction, or association with a reputed architect or builder) either by itself or in the context of a group of buildings or structures, and therefore it is in the public interest to be preserved or rehabilitated rather than to be demolished."

The building illustrates the simplicity of workers housing. It is clad in wood shingle siding with replacement doors and windows. There is a new larger front porch. The owners/occupants were laborers and blue collar workers. The subject building is located within a context of buildings and structures which, together, create a setting that reflects the character of the place in which the subject building played a historical role, i.e. working class housing for laborers of the Boston Brick Company.

The Commission found **28Clyde Street** importantly associated with the broad architectural, cultural, economic and social history of the City due to the association of the property with workers and the Boston Brick Company, whose location and employment opportunity prompted the development of this small neighborhood of working class housing.

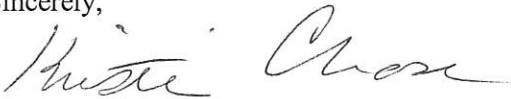


The Commission found **28Clyde Street** historically and architecturally significant due to the ability of the subject parcel to convey significance regarding location in a group of similar buildings and design. Neighborhoods of workers housing are becoming endangered.

The Commission will hold a public hearing on June 18, 2019 to review the initial determination of 'Significance' and if the buildings should be 'Preferably Preserved.' Per Section 4.2.D, "If the Commission determines that the demolition of the significant building or structure would be detrimental to the architectural, cultural, political, economic, or social heritage of the City, such building or structure shall be considered preferably preserved." Public testimony will be taken at the hearing, followed by a discussion and a vote by the Commission.

Please remit a check made out to the City of Somerville of \$135.00 to cover the cost of the Legal Notice of the Public Hearing for two weeks in the newspaper and given to Historic Preservation Staff. If you have any questions about this letter, please feel free to contact me at (617) 625-6600 x 2525.

Sincerely,



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