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ADDRESS: 36 Atherton Street

CASE: HPC.ALT 2021.37

APPLICANT: George Saropoulos, 36 Atherton St, Somerville, MA

OWNER: Same as applicant

DETERMINATION: *Conditional* **CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS (CA)**

DECISION DATE: July 20, 2021

This decision summarizes the findings made by the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) or their designee regarding the proposal **for installation of a new brick driveway with raised granite curbing** as-submitted for **the Local Historic District (LHD) property at 36 Atherton Street.**

SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL

- The Applicant requested to install a new 45' long x 16' wide brick driveway with raised granite curbing. The applicant proposes using Boston City Hall colored bricks from Stiles and Hart Brick Company.

DETERMINATION

The applicable portions of the *Design Guidelines* is ***H. Landscape Features and Paving***

The HPC voted 5-0 to approve the request for a Certificate of Appropriateness for a brick driveway with granite curbing. In their discussion, the HPC discussed the appropriateness of the driveway. The HPC commended the applicant on their efforts to improve the property.

The HPC then voted 5-0 to grant a ***CONDITIONAL CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS (CA)***.

The following conditions apply. Failure to comply with this Certificate and the conditions added thereto may result in delays to final sign-offs, removal of incongruous/inappropriate materials or incongruously/inappropriately-designed replacement features, CO, or other changes/ delays.

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CONDITIONS

1. The Applicant/Owner shall file the Certificate with the Inspectional Services Department (ISD) by uploading it to the CitizenServe permitting portal with their application for zoning compliance/building permit.
2. This Certificate is valid for one year. If work has not commenced within one year of the HPC's date of determination, this Certificate shall expire, and the Applicant shall re-apply for re-issuance of this Certificate. Provided that no changes have been made to the proposal, this shall be a Staff-level re-issuance of the Certificate.
3. Any changes to this proposal made prior to the commencement of work or in-the-field changes shall be submitted to Preservation Planning for their review to determine if the changes come under the purview of the HPC.
4. The driveway shall be Stiles & Hart Brick Company's Boston City Hall bricks.
5. The driveway shall be framed by raised granite curbing.
6. The Applicant shall contact Preservation Planning at historic@somervillema.gov a minimum of 15 business days prior to final ISD walk-through so that Preservation Planning or their designee can confirm if the project was completed according to HPC approvals.

Submitted:

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