



City of Somerville

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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ADDRESS: 383 Broadway - Garage

CASE: HPC.DMO 2021.17

APPLICANT: Broadway Somerville Apartments, LLC, 369 Lindsay Pond Rd,
Concord, MA 01742

OWNER: Same as applicant

DETERMINATION: Historically Significant

DECISION DATE: July 20, 2021

This decision summarizes the findings made by the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) at their July 20, 2021, meeting regarding the historic significance of **the principal structure** located at **383 Broadway**.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL

The Applicant proposes to demolish the structure located at **383 Broadway**.

DETERMINATION

It has been determined that **the garage at 383 Broadway** is "at least 75 years old," and the HPC voted 5-0 that it is Historically **Significant** according to criteria **a** and **b** of the **Demolition Review Ordinance (DRO)** which reads as follows:

- a. 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.*
- b. The findings for historical and/or architectural significance of a historic property address the period, style, method of building construction and association with a reputed architect or builder of the subject property, 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.*

In their deliberations, the HPC discussed the importance of these early 20th-century industrial/manufacturing buildings to the City's legacy and the need to preserve industrial history. Additionally, the HPC noted that the structure retains its original detail and masonry including historic cornice detailing.

Therefore, in accordance with the Demolition Review Ordinance (DRO), now that the HPC has determined the structure to be Historically Significant, the HPC shall next conduct a public hearing during which the Commission will discuss whether or not the garage at 383 Broadway should be "preferably reserved".

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