



**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**MAYOR'S OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**  
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*EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR*

*HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION*

**AGENDA**

Thursday, October 18, 2012 at 6:40 p.m.  
Third Floor Conference Room

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- April 17, May 15, June 19, July 17 and August 21, 2012 minutes.

**DELIBERATION OF CASES**

*The Somerville Historic Preservation Commission will hold public hearings on the following applications, all in accordance with the Historic Districts Act, Chapter 40C of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, and the City of Somerville Ordinance (Sections 7-16 – 7-28). !*

- **HPC 12.097 – 23 Porter Street – c. 1850 Gothic Revival House (continued)** **6:45 PM**  
Applicant: Lalo Development Corporation, Owner Application Date: 8/29/12  
Applicant seeks a Certificate of Appropriateness
  1. Replace all existing windows in existing historic building;
  2. Relocate and install new windows as per plans;
  3. Install new doors as per plans; and
  4. Remove bulkhead and replace with door as per plans.
  
- **HPC 12.101 – 17 Westwood Road – c. 1901 S. Preston Moses House** **7:10 PM**  
Applicant: Daniel Brenner & Heather Thompson-Brenner, Owners Application Date: 8/23/12  
Applicant seeks a Certificate of Appropriateness
  1. Add railing to second story porch of front façade; and
  2. Alter the front door of the front façade.
  
- **HPC 12.107 – 53-55 Meacham Road - - 1892 - Henry R Glover House** **7:25 PM**  
Owner: Margaret Rumsey for Life Application Date: 9/28/12  
Applicant seeks a Certificate of Harship
  1. Replace slate roof with architectural shingles on east side (front) of roof.



**HPC 12.105 – 26 Summit Avenue – 1885 John Sylvester House**

**7:30 PM**

Applicant: Michael Dull

Application Date:

9/21/12

Applicant seeks a Certificate of Appropriateness

1. Replace 3-tab asphalt shingles with architectural shingles; and
2. Replace existing skylights on rear of the building.

**DEMOLITION REVIEWS**

**DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE**

*The Commission may make a preliminary determination under the Demolition Ordinance for the City of Somerville, as set forth in Section 7-28 b (2), regarding whether any buildings are “significant.” If a building is determined by the HPC to be significant, at a future HPC public meeting, public testimony will be taken, followed by a discussion and a vote by the Commission to determine if the building should be “preferably preserved.”*

- **HPC 12.103: 10 Allen Court, c. 1869 - John C. Rowe Workers Cottage** **7:40 PM**  
Applicant: Kevin Emery
- **HPC 12.092: 181-191 Washington Street, c. 1956, Charles G. Pope Elementary School** **8:00 PM**  
Applicant: Somerville Community Corporation, Owner

**DETERMINATION OF PREFERABLY PRESERVED**

- **HPC 11.126 – 18 Cottage Avenue – c. 1850, N. Willson Boarding House (continued)** **8:15 PM**  
Applicant: 18 Cottage LLC  
Determined Significant: 12/20/2011

*Applicant requests a withdrawal without prejudice.*

**CURRENT CASES WITHIN 9-MONTH REVIEW PERIOD**

- **HPC 11.113 – 1 Village Terrace – pre-1874 Workers Cottage** **Period Ends: 10/17/2012**  
Applicant: Doug S. Beaudet, Owner  
Determined Preferably Preserved: 1/17/2012
- **HPC 12.056 – 336 Summer Street – circa 1874 Joseph Vello House** **Period Ends: 3/19/2013**  
Applicant: Cindy He, Owner  
Determined Preferably Preserved: 6/19/2012
- **HPC 12.61 – 315-321 Broadway** **Period Ends: 6/18/2013**  
Applicant: Peter Young Lee for Richard E Blumsack, Richard D Gilman & Cynthia R., Trustees  
Determined Preferably Preserved: 9/19/2012

**OTHER ACTION ITEMS**

- Discussion of authorizing Staff review and approval of minor non-historic fabric materials on Certificates.

**REVIEW and COMMENT**

- **HPC 06.018 Demolition – 8 Butler Drive/3 Memorial Road #3 – St Polycarp’s School (continued)**  
Applicant: Somerville Community Corporation  
Determined not significant: 3/21/06  
Continued from last meeting due to insufficient notice and inadequate information.

**STAFF REVIEW and APPROVAL**

None this month

**UPDATES ON PROJECTS AND OTHER BUSINESS**

**PROJECT UPDATES**

- **HPC Guidelines Revisions** (Abby Freedman with Amie Hayes)  
Update on Committee progress following meeting Wednesday, 10/10/12 from 7-9pm.
  
- **Milk Row Cemetery Preservation Master Plan Implementation** (Brandon Wilson)
  - Docent Program: Remaining openings on Sundays Oct. 21 and Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting. Docents will dress in period attire and be available for questions to inspire more interest and concern for the Cemetery.
  - Ghosts of Somerville event on Sun. Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> 12:30-3:30pm; involves conversations with various “resident ghosts” represented by students in newly launched History Club at SHS, as well as other volunteers. All will be dressed in 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> century clothing, some of which newly acquired. Event part of the City’s last street festival, closing down Somerville Avenue from Porter to Union Square. Suggested donation of \$5 for adults, free for children and seniors.
  - Signage prohibiting bicycle parking on fencing in progress
  - Additional bulb plantings by planned as part of City’s Bulb Blitz on Sat. am, Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> --
  
- **Update from CPA Committee for a Stronger Somerville** (Dick Bauer & Abby Freedman)
  
- **Update on SHPC Appointments and Re-appointments** (Brandon Wilson)
  
- **RE Seminar on Historic Preservation** (Brandon Wilson)
  - This Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 1pm at City Hall; SHPC members help encouraged!
  - Sponsored in collaboration with Training Division of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage
  - Mini courses on “Selling Historic Properties” and Historic Architecture for continuing education credits
  - Registration capped at 100 for real estate agents from throughout the Boston metropolitan area
  - Registration now full with waiting list;
  - Presentations by lawyer, contractor, realtor Sara Rosenfeld & former SHPC Chairman, and SHPC Staff
  
- **New Historic Marketing Initiatives** (Brandon Wilson)

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Upcoming Meeting Schedule for 2012:** November 20, and December 18.

The applications summarized above are available to the public at the Mayor’s Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development located on the third floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue (Mon. -Wed. 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Thurs. 9:00 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; and Fri. 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.). Cases may be continued to a later date(s); please check the agenda on the City’s website, or call before attending (tel.: (617) 625-6600 x. 2525). Continued cases will not be re-advertised. Interested persons may provide comments to the Historic Preservation Commission at the hearing, by fax to 617-625-0722, by e-mail to [kchase@somervillema.gov](mailto:kchase@somervillema.gov), or by mail to the Somerville Historic Preservation Commission, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143.