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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

City Hall 3rd Floor, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville MA 02143

ADDRESS: 22 Porter Street

CASE: HPC.ALT 2021.44

APPLICANT: Melissa Gomez, Great Sky Solar, 29 Mill St, Arlington, MA 02476

OWNER: Daniel Mikesh, 22 Porter St, Somerville, MA 02143

DETERMINATION: *Conditional* CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS (CA)

DECISION DATE: August 17, 2021

This decision summarizes the findings made by the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) or their designee regarding the proposal *for installation of solar panels* as submitted for **the Local Historic District (LHD) property at 22 Porter Street.**

SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL

- The Applicant requested to install 30 solar panels on the left-side roof plane in the middle and rear roof segments

DETERMINATION

The applicable portions of the *Design Guidelines* is **B. Roofs**

The HPC voted 5-0 to approve the request for a Certificate of Appropriateness for installation of solar panels. In their discussion, the HPC discussed the location of the warning and disconnect signs, and that though required to be near the shutoff breakers, that they should be away from sight line if possible. The HPC also discussed that the support brackets, conduits, etc. should be painted to match the part of the house that they rest against.

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. Failure to seek approval for changes may delay final sign-offs/COs.
4. Warning and disconnect signs shall be located, as much as possible, away from the sight line of the public way but proximate to the shutoff breakers in accordance with the Fire Department's requirements.
5. Conduits shall be located in the attic and any component that would be required to be visible shall be painted to match the exterior façade of the house.
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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