

City of Somerville

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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CASE: HPC.DMO 2021.16

APPLICANT: 108-110 Prospect Street, LLC, 17 Blueberry Ln, Lexington, MA

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 108-110 Prospect Street.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL

The Applicant proposes to demolish the structure located at 108-110 Prospect Street.

DETERMINATION

It has been determined that the principal structure at 108-110 Prospect Street 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 of 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 that though the structure is not a rare building form it does retain some original detailing around the windows as well as the wood siding.

Therefore, in accordance with the Demolition Review Ordinance (DRO), the HPC shall next conduct a public hearing during which the Commission will discuss whether or not the principal structure at 108-110 Prospect Street should be "preferably reserved".

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