

City of Somerville

## HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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

Alan Bingham Chair **Eric Parkes** Vice-Chair Adam Wylie, Alt Secretary Dick Bauer Ryan Falvey Robin Kelly DJ Chagnon, Alt. ADDRESS: 115 Thurston Street

CASE: HPC.DMO 2021.14

APPLICANT: 115 Thurston St., LLC c/o Elan Sassoon

OWNER: Same as applicant

**DETERMINATION:** NOT Preferably Preserved

**DECISION DATE:** May 18, 2021

This decision summarizes the findings made by the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) at their April 18, 2021 meeting regarding the preferable preservation of the principal structure located at 115 Thurston Street.

## SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL

The Applicant proposes to demolish the structure located at 115 Thurston Street.

## **DETERMINATION**

In accordance with the Demolition Review Ordinance (DRO) 7-28 (e)(7), the Applicant waived the initial determination of significance. By doing so, the building is automatically determined to be a significant building and the Applicant moves directly to the final determination stage at which the HPC determines whether or not the building is to be "preferably preserved".

The HPC voted 4-0 that the building at 115 Thurston Street is NOT Preferably Preserved, in accordance with Section 7-28 (f)(5) of the DRO. By making this determination, the HPC has deemed that the demolition of the building at 115 Thurston Street would not be detrimental to the architectural, cultural, political, economic, or social heritage of the City.

In their deliberations, the HPC found that they did not find any historical merit (architecturally or otherwise) to the building.

Therefore, in accordance with Section 7-28(f)(5)b of the DRO, 115 Thurston Street has been determined to be **NOT** "preferably preserved".

Submitted on behalf of the HPC:

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