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Public Meeting for Preferably Preserved Structures
Recommendations and Minutes

The Somerville Historic Preservation Commission held a public meeting on **Thursday, July 3, 2014, at 6:30 p.m.** in City Hall, 3rd Floor Conference Room, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

The purpose of the meeting is to seek alternatives to demolition for structures determined by the Historic Preservation Commission to be Preferably Preserved and to make recommendations to the Historic Preservation Commission at a future Commission meeting on the following Preferably Preserved structure(s):

6:30 PM to 7:00 PM

314-316 Somerville Ave HPC 2014.009

Delay Period Ends: 2/20/2015

Building Description: c. 1890 single-story commercial structure

Significance: The structure is "Preferably Preserved" due to the level of integrity through the retention of Italianate architectural details on a small scale commercial structure; as an example of Union Square commerce in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries; through an association with Patrick Rafferty, who was involved with City politics and is representative of immigrant groups who influenced the further development and expansion of Union Square; and as part of a nineteenth century collection of commercial structures associated with exponential growth at the turn of the twentieth century as well as the three-building collection of structures located on this parcel.

This was the second time for this case to come to a Public Meeting for Preferably Preserved Structures. The Architect provided three primary façade elevations with detailed dimensions, a spec sheet of the existing architectural detail, and a sample of brick veneer that would be most similar to the existing structure. The Architect also explained that the color of brick differs between the subject structure and 318-322 Somerville Avenue. The Commissioner stated that the same brick matching the existing on 314-316 Somerville was acceptable. The Commissioner confirmed that the new structure shall be approximately, but no higher than the adjacent structure at 318-322 Somerville Avenue.

The discussion then addressed the size of the upper story windows, 3'-2" in width by 5'-10" in height with approximately 5" casing. The bracket locations were discussed at length, due to the difficulty presented in how the brackets make sense with the rhythm of the competing façades of the residential vs. storefront. Brackets were removed from the lower hood, except on either end, and for the upper hood, brackets are located on either end as well as beneath each second story window. The trim pattern of the new storefront is created to be reminiscent of the existing trim, with a hierarchy that begins at the upper hood. The material for the panels below the windows was discussed; either wood or a composite material will be accepted due to the probability that the storefront would be aluminum.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30.

