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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

AGENDA for the public meeting of PREFERABLY PRESERVED STRUCTURES

The Somerville Historic Preservation Commission will hold a public meeting on **Thursday, September 3, 2015, at 6:30 p.m.** in City Hall, 3rd Floor Conference Room, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA. Please note that the start times listed below are estimates only and cases may be moved up or pushed back at the discretion of Staff.

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 – *These properties will be discussed together due to the proposed merging of the lots and because the proposed structure on 18 Kent Court will be partially constructed on 20 Kent Court.*

<u>18 Kent Court</u>	<u>HPC 2015.001</u>	<u>20 Kent Court</u>	<u>HPC 2014.054</u>
Delay Period Ends:	12/24/2015	Delay Period Ended:	6/18/2015
Building Description:	c. 1852-1874 dwelling	Building Description:	c. 1852 dwelling

Significance: 18 Kent Court is “Significant” & “Preferably Preserved.” The structure was determined ‘Significant’ due to its association with the broad architectural, cultural, economic and social history of the City due to its c.1852 construction date; simple form and massing including the rear ell; three-bay primary and single-bay side fenestration patterns; and remaining architectural detail such as the return eaves on the gable ends. This building is an early to mid-nineteenth century example of working class housing and is part of a collection of housing associated with the early development and industry of Somerville. The building was also determined ‘Significant’ as a representative of mid-19th century working class housing stock due to the remaining integrity of the structure with regard to original form, massing, and visible fenestration patterns. In addition, due to the location of the structure within a small collection of structures that represent the same cultural context, this dwelling is significant within the context of the group of buildings which, together, represent the early development and industry of Somerville. The Commission found demolition detrimental due to the location of the structure within a small collection of buildings that represent the same cultural context, this dwelling is significant within the context of the group of buildings which, together, represent the early development and industry of Somerville as well as the level of integrity, its association as an intact example of working class housing, and as part of a mid-nineteenth century collection of buildings., and therefore, it is in the best interest of the public to preserve or rehabilitate 18 Kent Court.

7:00 PM to 7:30 PM

<u>35 Moreland Street</u>	<u>HPC 2015.003</u>
Delay Period Ends:	9/17/2015
Building Description:	c. 1874 dwelling

Significance: The building is “Significant” & “Preferably Preserved.” The subject building is found importantly associated with the broad architectural, cultural, economic and social history of the City due to the c.1874 construction date which illustrates continued working class development of the area; simple form and massing including the rear ell; and retaining the side fenestration pattern that illustrates one bay. This building is a representative mid-nineteenth century example of working class housing due to the



remaining integrity of the structure with regard to original form, and massing and the early development of that section of Winter Hill. The subject dwelling is found historically and architecturally significant as a representative of mid-19th century working class housing stock due to the remaining integrity of the structure with regard to original form, massing, and visible side fenestration patterns. In addition, due to the location of the structure within a small collection of buildings that represent the same cultural context, this dwelling is significant within the context of the group of buildings which, together, represent the early development and industry of Somerville. The Commission found demolition detrimental due to the rarity of this type of residential dwelling within the City, its association with laborers and the early development of Winter Hill, and its ability to convey the life of 19th century workers by the representative character of the housing stock and through the remaining integrity of the structure with regard to original form, and massing and through its location, the early development of that section of Winter Hill., and therefore, it is in the best interest of the public to preserve or rehabilitate 35 Moreland Street.

7:30 PM to 8:00 PM

14 Kent Court HPC 2015.004
Delay Period Ends: 9/17/2015
Building Description: c. 1874 dwelling

Significance: The building is “Significant” & “Preferably Preserved.” The subject building is found importantly associated with the broad architectural, cultural, economic and social history of the City due to the c.1874 construction date which illustrates continued working class development of the area; simple form and massing including the rear ell; and retaining the side fenestration pattern that illustrates one bay. This building is a mid-nineteenth century example of working class housing and is part of a collection of housing associated with the early development and industry of Somerville. The subject dwelling is found historically and architecturally significant as a representative of mid-19th century working class housing stock due to the remaining integrity of the structure with regard to original form, massing, and visible side fenestration patterns. In addition, due to the location of the structure within a small collection of buildings that represent the same cultural context, this dwelling is significant within the context of the group of buildings which, together, represent the early development and industry of Somerville. The Commission found demolition detrimental, due to the side-gable orientation, size, early date of construction, and context of associated structures which raises this building to a higher level of significance and due to the level of integrity, its association as an intact example of working class housing, and as part of a mid-nineteenth century collection of buildings. and therefore, it is in the best interest of the public to preserve or rehabilitate 14 Kent Court.

