

HPC 12.105 – 26 Summit Avenue – 1885 John Sylvester House

Applicant: Michael Dull

Application Date: 9/21/12

Applicant seeks a Certificate of Appropriateness

1. Replace 3-tab asphalt shingles with architectural shingles; and
2. Replace existing skylights on rear of the building.

DEMOLITION REVIEWS

DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Commission may make a preliminary determination under the Demolition Ordinance for the City of Somerville, as set forth in Section 7-28 b (2), regarding whether any buildings are “significant.” If a building is determined by the HPC to be significant, at a future HPC public meeting, public testimony will be taken, followed by a discussion and a vote by the Commission to determine if the building should be “preferably preserved.”

- **HPC 12.092: 181-191 Washington Street, c. 1956, Charles G. Pope Elementary School**
Applicant: Somerville Community Corporation, Owner
- **HPC 12.103: 10 Allen Court, c. 1869 - John C. Rowe Workers Cottage**
Applicant: Kevin Emery

DETERMINATION OF PREFERABLY PRESERVED

- **HPC 11.126 – 18 Cottage Avenue – c. 1850, N. Willson Boarding House (continued)**
Applicant: 18 Cottage LLC
Determined Significant: 12/20/2011

Applicant requests a withdrawal without prejudice.

CURRENT CASES WITHIN 9-MONTH REVIEW PERIOD

- **HPC 11.113 – 1 Village Terrace – pre-1874 Workers Cottage** **Period Ends: 10/17/2012**
Applicant: Doug S. Beudet, Owner
Determined Preferably Preserved: 1/17/2012
- **HPC 12.056 – 336 Summer Street – circa 1874 Joseph Vello House** **Period Ends: 3/19/2013**
Applicant: Cindy He, Owner
Determined Preferably Preserved: 6/19/2012
- **HPC 12.61 – 315-321 Broadway** **Period Ends: 6/18/2013**
Applicant: Peter Young Lee for Richard E Blumsack, Richard D Gilman & Cynthia R., Trustees
Determined Preferably Preserved: 9/19/2012

OTHER ACTION ITEMS

- Discussion of authorizing Staff review and approval of minor non-historic fabric materials on Certificates.

REVIEW and COMMENT

- **HPC 06.018 Demolition – 8 Butler Drive/3 Memorial Road #3 – St Polycarp’s School (continued)**
Applicant: Somerville Community Corporation
Determined not significant: 3/21/06
Continued from last meeting due to insufficient notice and inadequate information.

STAFF REVIEW and APPROVAL

None this month

UPDATES ON PROJECTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

PROJECT UPDATES

- **HPC Guidelines Revisions** (Abby Freedman with Amie Hayes)
Update on Committee progress following meeting Wednesday, 10/10/12 from 7-9pm.

- **Milk Row Cemetery Preservation Master Plan Implementation** (Brandon Wilson)
 - Docent Program: Remaining openings on Sundays Oct. 21 and Nov. 18th, weather permitting. Docents will dress in period attire and be available for questions to inspire more interest and concern for the Cemetery.
 - Ghosts of Somerville event on Sun. Oct. 28th 12:30-3:30pm; involves conversations with various “resident ghosts” represented by students in newly launched History Club at SHS, as well as other volunteers. All will be dressed in 18th & 19th century clothing, some of which newly acquired. Event part of the City’s last street festival, closing down Somerville Avenue from Porter to Union Square. Suggested donation of \$5 for adults, free for children and seniors.
 - Signage prohibiting bicycle parking on fencing in progress
 - Additional bulb plantings by planned as part of City’s Bulb Blitz on Sat. am, Oct. 27th --

- **Update from CPA Committee for a Stronger Somerville** (Dick Bauer & Abby Freedman)

- **Update on SHPC Appointments and Re-appointments** (Brandon Wilson)

- **RE Seminar on Historic Preservation** (Brandon Wilson)
 - This Thursday, October 18th from 8am to 1pm at City Hall; SHPC members help encouraged!
 - Sponsored in collaboration with Training Division of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage
 - Mini courses on “Selling Historic Properties” and Historic Architecture for continuing education credits
 - Registration capped at 100 for real estate agents from throughout the Boston metropolitan area
 - Registration now full with waiting list;
 - Presentations by lawyer, contractor, realtor Sara Rosenfeld & former SHPC Chairman, and SHPC Staff

- **New Historic Marketing Initiatives** (Brandon Wilson)

NEW BUSINESS

Upcoming Meeting Schedule for 2012: November 20, and December 18.

The applications summarized above are available to the public at the Mayor’s Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development located on the third floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue (Mon. -Wed. 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Thurs. 9:00 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; and Fri. 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.). Cases may be continued to a later date(s); please check the agenda on the City’s website, or call before attending (tel.: (617) 625-6600 x. 2525). Continued cases will not be re-advertised. Interested persons may provide comments to the Historic Preservation Commission at the hearing, by fax to 617-625-0722, by e-mail to kchase@somervillema.gov, or by mail to the Somerville Historic Preservation Commission, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143.