



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
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MAYOR

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

AGENDA

Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 6:40 p.m.
Third Floor Conference Room

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 15, December 13, and December 20, 2011 Minutes

DELIBERATION OF HPC CASES

The Somerville Historic Preservation Commission will hold public hearings on the following applications, all in accordance with the Historic Districts Act, Chapter 40C of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, and the City of Somerville Ordinance (Sections 7-16 – 7-28):

HPC 11.115 – 11 Linden Avenue, 1860 Isaac Story House (continued)

10/17/11

Applicant: Lenore Hill, Owner

1. Add a 4' by 9' addition to the rear of the existing dwelling with 2 additional windows;
2. Rebuild porch on 2nd floor south side without roof based upon historic photograph;
3. Add a dormer on the north side for stair headroom for safety egress from the 3rd floor; and
4. Construct a free standing 2-unit structure designed to resemble a barn on lot with an existing 1-family dwelling;

The Applicant has requested a continuation until the February 21, 2012 meeting to allow for further changes and discussion of implications due to continuing revisions to the previously submitted plans.

REVIEW AND COMMENT

None this month.



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DEMOLITION REVIEWS

CURRENT CASES WITHIN 9-MONTH REVIEW PERIOD

HPC 08.72 – 92 Properzi Way, circa 1850, James W. Maloy House 10/20/11
 Applicant: Moshe Safdie Associates, Owner

Staff update on discussions with Safdie Associates.

HPC 11.109 – 29 Day Street, circa 1870, Rich Collins House 11/15/11
 Applicant: Kaj Vandkjaer, architect for Borderline Improvements LLC, Owner

No Staff review of the project this month.

DETERMINATION OF PREFERABLY PRESERVED

HPC 11.113 – 1 Village Terrace – pre-1874 Workers Cottage 12/20/11
 Applicant: Doug S. Beaudet, Owner

HPC 11.126 – 18 Cottage Avenue – circa 1850, N. Willson Boarding House 12/20/11
 Applicant: 18 Cottage LLC

DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Commission may make a preliminary determination under the City of Somerville Ordinance as set forth in Section 7-28 b (2) on whether any buildings are “significant”. Prior notice is not required by the Ordinance. New cases for a Determination of Significance may be added to the Agenda until Thursday, January 12, 2012. Public testimony followed by discussion and a vote by the Commission.

OTHER ACTION ITEMS

- **Conflict of Interest Law - Online Training** (Brandon Wilson)
 - Reminder: Need all SHPC members to complete & return Online Training Certification annually; please submit forms to City Clerk with copy to Brandon ASAP
 - 2011 Receipts received to date from Bingham, Born, DeYoung, and Zinn
- **2012 Preservation Awards Program** (Brandon Wilson)
 - Reminder: Awards Subcommittee site visit on Sun., Jan. 22nd, 1:15pm, mtg. site TBD, to determine 2012 winners of both Director and Preservation Awards
 - SHS CAD students already met with CAD Architect Derick Snare and begun practice work
 - SHS Art students to begin their drawings in late January
- **SHPC Holiday/Winter Party Scheduled for February** (Brandon Wilson)
 - Todd Zinn confirmed hosting on Fri. Feb. 10th, 6:30pm, 45 Tennyson St., a LHD property.

STAFF REVIEW & APPROVAL OF DEMOLITIONS & CERTIFICATES OF NON-APPLICABILITY

HPC 12.001 Demolition – 8-10 Whitfield Street – 1926 Concrete Block Garage 01/09/12
 Applicant: Tufts University

STAFF REVIEW AND COMMENTS AS PER REQUEST OF OTHER DIVISIONS

PLANNING DIVISION REVIEWS

None this month

SECTION 106 REVIEWS

None this month

PROJECT AND OTHER BUSINESS UPDATES

PROJECT UPDATES

HPC Guidelines Revisions (Abby Freedman with Amie Schaeffer)

- Committee met on Wednesday, 1/11/12 from 7-9pm
- Update on progress

West Branch Library Access Study (Brandon Wilson)

- Project kick-off meeting with consultant TBA Architects, Inc. held Dec. 22nd

Website Enhancement Project (Brandon Wilson)

- Reorganization and additions to both websites to enhance public access, use, and research value, and to better distinguish activities of the SHPC from those of OSPCD – Historic Preservation.

POTENTIAL UPCOMING CASES

Rosebud Diner, 381 Summer Street

- Signage change under discussion due to potential new ownership and business plan.

360 Mystic Avenue/100 Fellsway West

- Structural engineers report received stating that it is not feasible to rehabilitate the building.

OTHER BUSINESS

Public Outreach Events (Brandon Wilson & Kristi Chase)

- 2012 Annual Flag Raising Event on Sun. January 1st was extremely well attended with over 100 families and individuals, and involved over 50 re-enactors from the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Co., the Charlestown Militia, Inc., Gardner's Regiment, His Majesty's Tenth Regiment of Foot, Benjamin Franklin, and George Washington. See videotape on local cable TV and photo gallery on City website, to be posted shortly.

NEW BUSINESS

Upcoming Meeting Schedule for 2012: February 21, March 20, April 17, May 15, June 19, July 17, August 21, September 18, October 16, November 20, December 18.

All of the applications summarized above are available for public inspection at the Commission's Office on the third floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, on Mon. -Wed. 9:00 am - 4:30 pm; Thurs. 9:00 am-7:30 pm; and Fri. 9:00 am-12:30 pm. Since 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 Historic Preservation Commission, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143.