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**Historic Preservation Commission Draft Minutes**

**Conference Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue**  
**6:40 p.m. on Tuesday, August 20, 2013**

*Please note that the following order of cases to be heard is tentative. Cases may be moved up or pushed back at the discretion of Staff. Items that do not require prior legal notification may be added after the agenda is finalized.*

**Staff Present:** Kristi Chase, Amie Hayes and Brandon Wilson (in and out).

**Members Present:** Dick Bauer, Alan Bingham\*, George Born\*\*, Ryan Falvey, Abby Freedman, Eric Parkes, Brad Stearns\*\*\*, and Todd Zinn\*. George Born arrived at 7:00 PM; Brad Stearns arrived at 7:10 PM; and Jillian Adams arrived at 9:00 PM.

**Members Absent:** Jillian Adams, Natasha Burger, DJ Chagnon\*, Tom DeYoung\*, and Derick Snare\*.

\*Alternates

\*\*Alternate voting until 9:00 PM.

\*\*\* Alternate not voting

**Others Present:** Kerry Brennan and husband, Richard DiGirolamo, Nancy Fulton, Robert and Melissa Hickey, Sarah Jansen, Peter Miner, Jai Singh Khalsa, and Sandra Xuyu.

**Proposed Alterations to Designated Historic Properties**

*HPC Review for Issuance of Certificates of Appropriateness*



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<b>8 Mount Vernon Street - c. 1850 Ebenezer Davis House (case HPC 2013.035)</b>	
Applicant:	Barbara Castro
Property Owner:	Fermin & Barbara Castro
Application Date:	May 30, 2013
Legal Notice:	<i>Remove rear bulkhead shed, modify windows and reshingle.</i>
Recommendation:	Certificate of Appropriateness
Current Status:	Continued from July 16, 2013; continuance requested until September 17, 2013.
Decision	The Commission voted unanimously (4-0) to grant the continuance.

<b>25-35 Atherton Street - c. 1898 Martin W. Carr School (case HPC 2013.037)</b>	
Applicant:	Sara-Ann Patterson, Trustee
Property Owner:	Carr Schoolhouse Condominium Trust
Application Date:	May 30, 2013
Legal Notice:	<i>Replace slate roof with EcoStar™ Majestic Slate™; and replace flashing with copper.</i>
Recommendation:	Deny Certificate of Appropriateness
Current Status:	Continued from July 16, 2013; continuance requested until September 17, 2013.
Decision	The Commission voted unanimously (4-0) to grant the continuance.

<b>23 Pleasant Avenue - 1893 Henry W.P. Colson House (case HPC 2013.047)</b>	
Applicant:	Timothy B. Brown
Property Owner:	Margaret A. McCarthy and Timothy B. Brown
Application Date:	July 31, 2013
Legal Notice:	<i>Install solar panels.</i>
Recommendation:	Certificate of Appropriateness
Current Status:	Continuance requested until October 15, 2013.
Decision	The Commission voted unanimously (4-0) to grant the continuance.

<b>30 Day Street - 1870 Eliza Stebbins House (case HPC 2013.049)</b>	
Applicant:	Alan Bingham
Property Owner:	Rosemary Broome-Bingham and Alan Bingham
Application Date:	August 1, 2013
Legal Notice:	<i>Install privacy fence at rear of driveway.</i>
Recommendation:	Certificate of Appropriateness
Current Status:	Heard on August 20, 2013
Presentation	<i>Alan Bingham</i> recused himself and left the room. <i>Kristi Chase</i> presented on his behalf.
Public Comments	There was no public comment.
Staff Report	<i>Kristi Chase</i> gave the recommendations
Documents	Staff Report based upon the City of Somerville Ordinance sections 7.16 – 7.27, HPC Design Guidelines, and Massachusetts Historical Commission Property Survey Form, site visits
Discussion	<i>Todd Zinn</i> , a Historic District resident, noted that it was the same fence that he has at his house. <i>Eric Parkes</i> discussed the historicity of privacy fences. <i>Abby Freedman</i> liked the fact that the proposed fence was well recessed from the street and the house.
Decision	The <i>Commission</i> voted unanimously (5-0-1 (George Born)) to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness with following conditions. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The proposed 6' high cedar wood and lattice fence and gates shall be in the design "Manchester" by Carli Fence or substantially similar; and</li> <li>2. The proposed 6' high cedar wood and lattice fence and gates shall be located as shown on the attached photo as seen in the sketched locations at the end of the driveway and along the southern rear side fence.</li> </ol>



*Staff Review for Issuance of Certificates of Non-Applicability– Listed for informational purposes only*

<b>396 Broadway – c. 1874 Cutler Downer Double House (case HPC 2013.044)</b>	
Applicant:	Bob Hebeisen, Trustee
Property Owner:	396 & 398 Condominium Trust
Description:	<i>Back deck</i>
Current Status:	Certificate of Non-Applicability issued 7/17/2013

<b>17-19R Aldersey Street – c. 1869 Adoniram Taylor House and Stable (case HPC 2013.046)</b>	
Applicant:	Peter Kaplan, Project Manager
Property Owner:	RCG Aldersey LLC
Description:	<i>Repairs and re-grading not visible from the ROW</i>
Current Status:	Certificate of Non-Applicability issued 7/31/2013

<b>49 Vinal Avenue – c. 1894 Hailey House (case HPC 2013.051)</b>	
Applicant:	Matthew Cogliano
Property Owner:	Laura McFadden and Matthew Cogliano
Description:	<i>Porch Repairs</i>
Current Status:	Certificate of Non-Applicability issued 8/5/2013

<b>74 Mount Vernon Street – c. 1873 Walter Durell House (case HPC 2013.054)</b>	
Applicant:	Paul Turcotte
Property Owner:	Paul Turcotte
Description:	<i>Slate roof and sill repairs; repaint.</i>
Current Status:	Certificate of Non-Applicability issued 8/13/2013

### **Demolition Reviews**

#### *Determination of Significance*

<b>170 School Street - c. 1925 Church Hall (Case HPC 2013.043)</b>	
Applicant:	Edward Dottoli with Richard DiGirolamo, Agent
Property Owner:	Cortez Investments, LLC
Application Date:	July 3, 2013
Legal Notice:	<i>Determination of Significance</i>
Recommendation:	Not Significant
Current Status:	Heard on August 20, 2013
Presentation	There was no presentation. <i>Jai Singh Khalsa</i> was willing to show plans for the future development at the location. It was noted that this was not appropriate to this stage of the Demolition Review process.
Public Comments	Public Comment was received from <i>Robert and Melissa Hickey</i> who had concerns about what would replace the building.
Staff Report	<i>Kristi Chase</i> gave Staff Recommendations
Documents	Staff Report based upon the City of Somerville Ordinance sections 7.28, site visits, City Directories and maps.
Discussion	<i>Alan Bingham</i> remarked that it was ‘significant for its ugliness’. <i>The Commission</i> as a whole did not find the building to have any special significance; it was neither unique nor a good inclusion to the neighborhood.



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Decision	<p>The <i>Commission</i> voted unanimously (7-0) to find that while the building is “at least 50 years old,” it is not a significant building or structure after finding that the building or structure is neither:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. “Importantly associated with one or more historic persons or events, or with the broad architectural, cultural, political, economic or social history of the City or the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, nor</li> <li>ii. “Historically or architecturally significant (in terms of period, style, method of building construction, or association with a reputed architect or builder) either by itself or in the context of a group of buildings or structures, and therefore it is in the public interest to be preserved or rehabilitated rather than to be demolished”</li> </ol> <p>and therefore not a ‘significant’ structure.</p> <p>The building has been altered several times since it was originally constructed and has served very different purposes since its construction as a spiritualist hall.</p>
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<b>53 Kent Street - c. 1845 Workers Cottage (Case HPC 2013.048)</b>	
Applicant:	Kent Street Partners LLC
Property Owner:	Kent Street Partners LLC
Application Date:	August 1, 2013
Legal Notice:	<i>Determination of Significance</i>
Recommendation:	Significant
Current Status:	Heard on August 20, 2013
Presentation	<i>Richard DiGirolamo</i> agreed that the building was significant as found in the Staff Report. <i>Jai Singh Khalsa</i> said that he had done studies but did not show them at this time.
Public Comments	<p><i>Sarah Jansen</i> spoke about her years as a neighbor. She knew the previous owner, Loretta as a friend. The house had been in the family for generations. She said that the house was structurally sound and that nothing had been changed. The house was the only workers cottage left on Beacon Street. It could be fixed up. Prospective buyers had been outbid by developers. If the building was demolished and a new building constructed there, it would alter the social structure of the neighborhood.</p> <p>An e-mail was also received from <i>Sarah Jansen</i> dated 8/19/2013.</p>
Staff Report	<i>Amie Hayes</i> gave Staff recommendations.
Documents	Staff Report based upon the City of Somerville Ordinance sections 7.28, site visits, City Directories and maps.
Discussion	The <i>Commission</i> all agreed with the Staff findings and discussed the relative age and context of the other buildings in the neighborhood. The building speaks well of the context and continuity of the neighborhood. <i>Abby Freedman</i> said that additional emphasis should be put on the association with the Bleachery. She was also particularly interested in what was known about 45 Kent Street which she thought had Federalist character.
Decision	<p>The <i>Commission</i> voted unanimously (7-0) to find that the building is “at least 50 years old, and is or has been determined by the Commission to be a significant building or structure after a finding that the building or structure is both:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. “Importantly associated with one or more historic persons or events, or with the broad architectural, cultural, political, economic or social history of the City or the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and</li> <li>ii. “Historically or architecturally significant (in terms of period, style, method of building construction, or association with a reputed architect or builder) either by itself or in the context of a group of buildings or structures, and therefore it is in the public interest to be preserved or rehabilitated rather than to be demolished.”</li> </ol> <p>and therefore a ‘significant’ structure.</p> <p>The structure was determined importantly associated with people, events or history of the City due to the retention of several architectural details that continue to illustrate the Greek Revival style, as an example of working class housing specifically associated with the</p>



	Middlesex Bleachery, and as part of an early to mid nineteenth century collection of housing associated with the early development and industry of Somerville. The structure was also determined historically and architecturally 'Significant' as a representative of mid nineteenth century working class housing stock due to the remaining integrity of the structure with regard to original form, massing, fenestration pattern, and material. In addition, due to the location of the building within such close proximity to a small collection of structures that represent the same cultural context, this dwelling is significant within the context of a group of buildings which, together, represent the early development and industry of Somerville.
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<b>88 Dover Street - c. 1874 House (Case HPC 2013.050)</b>	
Applicant:	Mui Sin Chow & Nam Cheung
Property Owner:	Mui Sin Chow & Nam Cheung
Application Date:	July 30, 2013
Legal Notice:	<i>Determination of Significance</i>
Recommendation:	Significant
Current Status:	Will be heard August 20, 2013
Presentation	<i>Richard DiGirolamo</i> presented. He noted that there was nothing remarkable about the house. It was lacking in architectural distinction. The Owners would like to put in all new construction.
Public Comments	<i>Peter Miner</i> said that new construction was uncommon on Dover Street. The most recent building is very large and inappropriate to the neighborhood. The house has been preserved in vinyl. Most of the houses are circa 1895, so the 1874 date is early for Davis Square. He felt that this is really the building that delineates the end of the residential neighborhood and now seems to outside of it due to the large new building next door. The current building is in scale with the rest of the street. The garage is currently used as living space. The house seems to be structurally OK.  <i>Nancy Fulton</i> added that the more holes you put in the historic fabric the more see through it gets. She recognized that the Commission did the best they could with the building at 82 Dover.
Staff Report	<i>Amie Hayes</i> gave Staff recommendations.
Documents	Staff Report based upon the City of Somerville Ordinance sections 7.28, site visits, City Directories and maps.
Discussion	<i>Dick Bauer</i> reiterated the limits of the Commission's powers in regards to the Demolition Review Ordinance.  <i>Alan Bingham</i> noted that much of the building's detail was either removed or obscured, but was probably well preserved beneath the plastic. The building actually starts the residential streetscape and sets the stage for the historic nature of the neighborhood. It sets the residential context separate from the commercial and automotive natures of Davis Square.  <i>Abby Freedman</i> found that the elaborate bracketing around the door is evidence that the building once had much more detail and thought it was interesting that the owners had taken pride in highlighting the detail. She did not see a reason that the enlargement of the house to 3 units, possibly with an addition, could not be done.  <i>Eric Parkes</i> thought 88 Dover Street had more going for it than the house at 82. <i>Todd Zinn</i> thought that if the lot was totally built out, the structure would dwarf the other side of the street. He asked if any buildings on the street had been designated or were pending designation. There were none.  <i>Dick Bauer</i> said that the building seemed to be solid and intact. Only a couple of windows had been altered. He thinks the building is significant on its own and in the context of the streetscape



Decision	<p>The <i>Commission</i> voted unanimously (7-0) to find that the building is “at least 50 years old, and is or has been determined by the Commission to be a significant building or structure after a finding that the building or structure is both:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. “Importantly associated with one or more historic persons or events, or with the broad architectural, cultural, political, economic or social history of the City or the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and</li> <li>ii. “Historically or architecturally significant (in terms of period, style, method of building construction, or association with a reputed architect or builder) either by itself or in the context of a group of buildings or structures, and therefore it is in the public interest to be preserved or rehabilitated rather than to be demolished.”</li> </ol> <p>and therefore a ‘significant’ structure.</p> <p>The structure was determined importantly associated with people, events or history of the City as a two-story gable end dwelling that is a comprehensive component of the residential portion of the Dover streetscape which, as a context of buildings, illustrates the suburbanization of West Somerville at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The structure was also determined historically and architecturally ‘Significant’ due to the location of the building within a context of structures which, together, create a setting that reflects the character of the place in which the subject building played a historical role as well as the ability of the subject structure to convey significance regarding location, form, and massing as well as integrity of design.</p>
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*Determination of Preferably Preserved*

<b>35 Cutter Street - c. 1874 Workers Cottage (Case HPC 2013.038)</b>	
Applicant:	Paula Dowd
Property Owner:	Sandra Xuyu
Application Date:	June 27, 2013
Legal Notice:	<i>Determination of Preferably Preserved</i>
Recommendation:	Preferably Preserved
Current Status:	Will be heard August 20, 2013
Presentation	<i>Richard DiGirolamo</i> presented with additional information from Sandra Xuyu. They submitted a structural report by Carmine Guarracino and a historic house review by Baoqing Yu. They do not feel that is economically feasible to repair the house rather than tear it down and build a new structure. Richard DiGirolamo said there was a good deal of resistance to having 2 primary structures on one lot.
Public Comments	<p><i>Kerry Brennan</i> and her husband wondered about the plans for the new structure. They did not want to lose the privacy of their yard and were particularly concerned about possible noise. He did not want to see decks on the building. They had no comment on the historic value of the property and would follow up with the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals if the proposed demolition led that way.</p> <p><i>Dick Bauer</i> noted that these concerns were not in the purview of the Commission.</p> <p><i>Amie Hayes</i> said that any plans seen at this time were not set in stone. There would be several changes to them as they move through the process of getting the needed permits.</p>
Staff Report	<i>Amie Hayes</i> gave Staff recommendations.
Documents	Staff Report based upon the City of Somerville Ordinance sections 7.28, site visits, City Directories and map. A structural report by Roome and Guarracino, LLC dated August 19, 2013 and a historic house review by Baoqing Yu were received too late for incorporation into the Staff Report but were submitted to the Commission.



Discussion	<p><i>Eric Parkes</i> said that he found many structural engineers were given to hyperbole. They followed the direction of their clients. Another Engineer might tell them to sister the beams, repoint the basement and install French drains. While the building seems to be devoid of features, this is very typical of this type of housing. It is very much a part of Cutter Street and not alien to it.</p> <p><i>Abby Freedman</i> agreed that context is most important, along with the rhythm rooflines of the buildings along the street. One should not disrupt the scale of buildings which is important to the context of the street.</p> <p><i>George Born</i> stated that the building style was vernacular, not high style. It was made for people who did not have a lot of money. It is a very representative house. He too shared in skepticism of the structural engineer's report. This is a big lot with a small building. There should be room to construct a large addition and rehabilitate or restore the older structure.</p> <p><i>Sandra Xuyu</i> said that she did not see any good way to do that. She wants to raze the building. They have paid a lot for the property and have met with the Planning Staff to see what would work. There were Fire Department requirements to be met. She wants the units to have adequate frontage. There would be too many doors and she did not want a side access. The building is full of holes. The mortar has turned to sand. The basement is wet. She does not believe the building has any historical value.</p> <p><i>Dick Bauer</i> noted that the water infiltration was due to a foundation in need of repointing. Carmine Guarracino gave his opinion but the Commission is looking at this differently. The Commission believes that building is appropriate to the street since it has been there all along and the street grew with it.</p>
Decision	<p>The <i>Commission</i> voted unanimously (7-0) to determine 35 Cutter Street 'Preferably Preserved.' Per Section 4.2.D of the Demolition Review Ordinance 2003-05, "If the Commission determines that the demolition of the significant building or structure would be detrimental to the architectural, cultural, political, economic, or social heritage of the City, such building or structure shall be considered a Preferably Preserved." The Commission found demolition detrimental due to the earlier c.1858 construction date and intact existence of the original historic building context at the southern end of Cutter Street, which demonstrates early subdivision activity, and as a representative of mid 19<sup>th</sup> century working class housing.</p>

*Structures within Demolition Review Period – Listed for informational purposes only*

<b>589 Somerville Avenue - c.1845 Edward Flanagan House (case HPC 2013.011)</b>	
Applicant:	Richard G. Di Girolamo, Agent
Property Owner:	Vincent Pascale
Date of Signif:	May 21, 2013
Date of Pref. Pres.	June 18, 2013
Recommendation:	Review Memorandum of Agreement
Current Status:	Delay period over March 18, 2014

<b>73 Concord Avenue - c. 1900 barn (case HPC 2013.013)</b>	
Applicant:	Jose Vale, GS Construction
Property Owner:	Ze'ev Mehler
Date of Signif:	May 21, 2013
Date of Pref. Pres.	June 18, 2013
Recommendation:	Review Memorandum of Agreement
Current Status:	Delay period over March 18, 2014



<b>26 Warwick Street ( case HPC 2012.108)</b>	
Applicant:	Daniel Silva
Property Owner:	Daniel Silva
Date of Signif:	11/20/2012
Date of Pref Pres:	12/18/2012
Recommendation:	Schedule 2 <sup>nd</sup> Public Meeting of Preferably Preserved Structures – September 5, 2013
Current Status:	Delay period over 9/18/2013

<b>20 Warwick Street ( case HPC 2012.109)</b>	
Applicant:	20 Warwick Street Trust
Property Owner:	20 Warwick Street Trust
Date of Signif:	11/20/2012
Date of Pref Pres:	12/18/2012
Recommendation:	Schedule 2 <sup>nd</sup> Public Meeting of Preferably Preserved Structures – September 5, 2013
Current Status:	Delay period over 9/18/2013

<b>197 Washington Street (case HPC 2012.134)</b>	
Applicant:	Anthony Cota
Property Owner:	Anthony Cota
Date of Signif:	January 15, 2013
Date of Pref Pres:	February 19, 2013
Recommendation:	None at this time
Current Status:	Delay period over 11/19/2013

<b>95-101 Wheatland Street (case HPC 2013.003)</b>	
Applicant:	Richard Berg
Property Owner:	Richard Berg
Date of Signif:	January 15, 2013
Date of Pref Pres:	April 16, 2013
Recommendation:	Sign MOA Addendum
Current Status:	Delay period perpetual

<b>360 Mystic Avenue (case HPC 2012.116)</b>	
Applicant:	Richard Berg
Property Owner:	Richard Berg
Date of Signif:	November 20, 2012
Date of Pref Pres:	April 16, 2013
Recommendation:	Sign MOA Addendum
Current Status:	Delay period perpetual

*Staff Review for Determination of Not Significant or Not Applicable – Listed for informational purposes only*

<b>235 Lowell Street - c. 1950-1979 concrete block garage (case HPC 2013.045)</b>	
Applicant:	John Ternullo
Property Owner:	John Ternullo
Application Date:	July 25, 2013
Current Status:	Issued Letter of Not Significant August 2, 2013

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### **Other Action Items**

<b>Mystic Waterworks Pumping Station Housing Project (case HPC 11.095)</b>	
Applicant:	Albert Rex, MacRostie Historic Advisors
Property Owner:	Somerville Housing Authority
Application Date:	July 24, 2013
Description:	Massachusetts Rehabilitation Tax Credit
Action:	Vote to approve Letter of Support for Round 7
Current Status:	Support is required to request additional funding.
Current Status:	Round 7 to be presented to the MHC by MacRostie Historic Advisors
Decision	The <i>Commission</i> voted unanimously (7-0) to send another letter of support.

<b>Minutes</b>	
Minutes:	July 16, 2013 HPC Minutes
Minutes	August 1, 2013 – Public Meeting of Preferably Preserved Structures
Minutes	September 5, 2013 – Public Meeting of Preferably Preserved Structures
Decision	<p>The August 1, 2013 Minutes were all unanimously approved with abstentions by those not attending that meeting. It was decided that the historic marker and the signage were the same things. Alan Bingham asked if there was an opportunity to have the building designated as a local historic district as part of the Memorandum of Agreement.</p> <p>The July 16, 2013 Minutes also were unanimously approved as amended for the section dealing with the cases and with abstentions by those not attending the meeting. However, the Commissioners wanted more time to review the last portion of the minutes reflecting the conversation with the Aldermen. This would be voted on in September.</p>

### **Other Non-Action Items**

- Notice of Violation at 24 Pleasant Avenue (HPC 2013.053 to be heard September 17, 2013)
- Director's Report



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*Executive Director Monthly Report*

- **HPC Guideline Revisions** (Abby Freedman, Ryan Falvey, Eric Parkes & Jillian Adams with Kevin Allen as an interested member of the public)
  - Update on Committee progress at the August 14<sup>th</sup> meeting; next meeting Wed. Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm.
- **Historic Plaque Program** (Brandon and Mary)
  - Welcome Package Letters sent to newest LHD homeowners in July and now awaiting owners' pick up of their free plaques for exterior installation. Enthusiastic response to date.
  - Publicity re: revival of historic plaque program being considered in concert with Mayor's Office.
- **Community Preservation Act (CPA) Committee Work** (Dick Bauer and Abby Freedman)
  - Update on CPA Committee meeting with Mayor on July 10<sup>th</sup> (carried over from last month's agenda)
  - Brandon met 8/6/12 with new CPA Committee Staffperson, Emily Monea, to give background and consider CPA implementation strategies.
- **SHPC Support for Rehab and Reuse of the Charles River Speedway Headquarters**
  - Letter of support submitted to the State's Historic Curatorship Program on behalf of the collaboration between GreenGoat and The Copper & Slate Company's to rehabilitate and reuse the Charles River Speedway Headquarters in Brighton
- **Reproduction of Historic Afghan with some Design Revisions** (Mary and Brandon)
  - New images submitted to the company for a re-design of the afghan in full color;
  - Sale of afghan helpful for both raising awareness of City's key historical sites and for fundraising needs.
- **Milk Row Cemetery Preservation Project**
  - Blocked entry at rear of Cemetery broken down in July; and recently repaired by DPW. Need to ensure timely access still allowed, however, for DeMoulas staff to help clean up litter weekly from their parking lot and for abutting India business to monitor their compressors, a combination lock will be installed on one of the two front gates, avoiding the need for multiple keys.
  - Next opening of the Cemetery by the Docent in August not scheduled yet as original volunteer now has weekend conflicts.
  - DPW to look into repair of granite pillar at entry to Market Basket that serves as buffer to the edge of the Cemetery; ownership still undetermined..
  - Possible volunteer(s) identified for public opening one Sunday a month this summer and through the fall, but still waiting to hear confirmation of interest. Other volunteers still welcome!
  - Challenge continues to keep bicycles from being locked to the Cemetery fencing & causing damage. Still pursuing additional bike racks at western side of Market Basket parking lot and in front of City Press building. DPW requested to cut off bike locks on fencing.
  - Best way to remove large and inappropriate yews at Cemetery being considered by DPW, in concert with HS. Still awaiting word from contractor re: condition of Heritage Elm Tree following recent scheduled treatment.
- **Planning of a Civil War Sesquicentennial Celebration in Somerville** (on hold until fall & SHS resumes)
- **West Branch Library Improvements and ADA Access**
  - New Capital Projects Project Manager is reviewing and drafting recommendations for City approval as part of larger renovation project at both the East and West Branch Libraries. (still ongoing)
- **Update on Somerville Museum Building Capital Projects**



- New fundraising ideas being considered to match private foundation grant for critical ADA work. Preliminary work expected to start this fall,. One possible idea is to sponsor an Open House Tour of Westwood-Benton Road LHD at holiday time. Suggestions and talents from Commission members and others also sought, so that the Museum can continue to serve as a resource for historic events, research, and exhibitions.
- Upcoming brainstorming meeting to discuss fundraising scheduled for Thurs. August 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at the Museum. All welcome!
- **Recent and Upcoming Preservation Events**
  - Repeat of Window Repair Workshop scheduled for Sat. Sept 21<sup>st</sup> 10am -3pm at the Museum to accommodate those with conflicts for June date, yet who still want to work on their windows before the winter chill returns. Cost: \$50pp, with maximum of 15 spots to give individual attention to participants. Full payment required to confirm registration which is open now.
  - Encourage friends, neighbors and colleagues who own old houses to repair rather than replace their windows. Consider sending out Mary's helpful Fact Sheet (on our website) summarizing the reasons and benefits.
  - Marian Berkowitz and Brandon are still working on interviews with the winning property owners for publication by the local media in early fall to encourage people to submit nominations for 2014 awards.
  - Fall 2013 Union Square Walking Tour scheduled for Sun. Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>, 2pm. Theme to be industrial and residential properties from "Bow Street to Brickbottom," Co-sponsored with Somerville Arts Council and their ArtsUnion Project.
  - Tufts Community Day scheduled for Sun. Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> 11am – 3pm. Historic information and resources will be represented.



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