



**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS**  
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*HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION*

**MINUTES – UNION SQUARE**

**Staff Present:** Amie Hayes, Kristi Chase

**Members Present:** Jillian Adams, George Born\*, Abby Freedman, and Eric Parkes. Abby Freedman and Eric Parkes recused themselves from the 9-11 Aldersey Street case and left the meeting while that case was open.

\*Alternate

The Somerville Historic Preservation Commission held a public meeting on **Thursday, December 19, 2013** beginning at 2:00 p.m. in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room at City Hall. This meeting discussed potential boundaries for a Union Square historic district and other business.

Due to the snow storm on December 17, 2013 the following business was added from the HPC Agenda scheduled for that date.

**Proposed Alterations to Local Historic District Properties**

9-11 Aldersey Street (HPC 2013.082)	
Applicant:	Gerard Meehan
Property Owner:	Gerard Meehan
Application Date:	October 31, 2013
Legal Notice:	<i>Restore and alter the existing historic structure; construct two additional residential structures.</i>
Recommendation:	Certificate of Appropriateness; Deny Certificate of Appropriateness
Current Status:	Request to continue to January 21, 2014
Decision:	The <i>Commission</i> voted unanimously (2-0) to grant the request to continue the case until January 21, 2014.

46 Mt. Vernon Street (HPC 2013.089)	
Applicant:	Ting Fang
Property Owner:	Ting Fang
Application Date:	November 18, 2013
Legal Notice:	<i>Add third floor egress.</i>
Recommendation:	Certificate of Appropriateness
Current Status:	Request to continue to January 21, 2014
Decision:	The <i>Commission</i> voted unanimously (4-0) to grant the request to continue the case until January 21, 2014.



**Demolition Reviews*****Determination of Significance***

8 Mt. Pleasant Street (HPC 2013.090)	
Applicant:	Lolastar LLC
Property Owner:	Remo Avellani
Application Date:	October 22, 2013
Legal Notice:	<i>Determination of Significance</i>
Recommendation:	Significant
Current Status:	Will be heard Thursday December 19, 2013
Presentation:	There was no presentation
Staff Report:	<i>Staff</i> read the recommendation.
Discussion:	It was noted that the building was on the National Register of Historic Places. The developers should be able to use tax credits to preserve and rehabilitate the property. <i>Staff</i> said that <i>Staff</i> was working with the developers who were sensitive to the potential of historic and older buildings.
Decision:	The <i>Commission</i> voted unanimously (4-0) to determine the property as significant based upon the Staff Report.

***Determination of Preferably Preserved***

47 Hunting Street (HPC 2013.070)	
Applicant:	James J. McSweeney
Property Owner:	FUD LLC
Application Date:	September 26, 2013
Significance:	October 15, 2013
Legal Notice:	<i>Determination of Preferably Preserved</i>
Recommendation:	Not Preferably Preserved
Current Status:	Request to continue to January 21, 2014
Decision:	The <i>Commission</i> voted unanimously (4-0) to grant the request to continue the case until January 21, 2014.

82 Highland Avenue (HPC 2013.083)	
Applicant:	Gabriel & Gladys Ragusa
Property Owner:	Gabriel & Gladys Ragusa
Application Date:	October 22, 2013
Significance:	November 19, 2013
Legal Notice:	<i>Determination of Preferably Preserved</i>
Recommendation:	Not Preferably Preserved
Current Status:	Will be heard Thursday January 2, 2014

**Other Action Items**

Mystic Waterworks Pumping Station Housing Project (HPC 2011.095)	
Applicant:	Albert Rex, MacRostie Historic Advisors
Property Owner:	Somerville Housing Authority
Application Date:	December 2, 2013
Description:	Massachusetts Rehabilitation Tax Credit
Action:	Vote to approve Letter of Support for Round 8
Current Status:	Support is required to request additional funding.
Decision:	The Commission voted unanimously (4-0) to send the updated letter to the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

For further information, please call (617) 625-6600 x 2500 or email [historic@somervillema.gov](mailto:historic@somervillema.gov).