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*HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION*

October 22, 2012

Kevin Emery  
9 Gregory Lane  
Reading, MA 01867

**Re: HPC 12.103 – 10 Allen Court, Somerville**

Dear Mr. Emery,

On Thursday, October 18, 2012, the Historic Preservation Commission voted unanimously (7-0) to determine the c. 1860 John Rowe workers cottage at 10 Allen Court 'significant' because the building, per Section 2.17.B of the Demolition Review Ordinance 2003-05, 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 either:

- 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, or
- 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."

The structure was determined significant due to specific associations with the Middlesex Dye and Bleachery, the period of construction, and in the context of a group of buildings, which are the dwelling and stable at 10 Allen Court and the two-family dwelling at 7-9 Allen Court.

The Commission will hold a public hearing on November 20, 2012 to review the initial determination of 'significance' and if the building should be 'preferably preserved.' Per Section 4.2.D, "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 preferably preserved." Public testimony will be taken at the hearing, followed by a discussion and a vote by the Commission.



If you have any questions about this letter, please feel free to contact me at (617) 625-6600, x 2534.

Sincerely,

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Planner

Cc: Paul Nonni, Sr. Building Inspector, Inspectional Services Division.

John Long, City Clerk

George Proakis, Director of Planning

J. Brandon Wilson, Executive Director, SHPC