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*HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION*

November 22, 2012

Kevin Emery  
9 Gregory Lane  
Reading, MA 01867

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

Mr. Emery,

On Thursday, October 18, 2012, the Historic Preservation Commission voted unanimously (7-0) to determine the c. 1869 John Rowe workers cottage at 10 Allen Court 'Significant,' in accordance with Section 2.17.B of the Demolition Review Ordinance 2003-05, as 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:

- 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 is 'Significant' due to an association 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.

At the public hearing on Tuesday, November 20, 2012, the Historic Preservation Commission voted (2-5) to determine 10 Allen Court **not** 'Preferably Preserved,' in accordance with Section 4.2.D of the Demolition Review Ordinance 2003-05, as the Commission did not find that demolition of the structure would be detrimental to the heritage of the City and, therefore, is not in the best interest of the public to preserve or rehabilitate due to minimal visibility of the structure, lack of a coherent streetscape, loss of historic setting, and comparable structures that represent the same historic context within a comprehensive streetscape and neighborhood as well as integrity of material.



Please contact me at (617) 625-6600 x 2534 if you have questions or need additional information regarding this determination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amie Hayes". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Amie Hayes  
Planner

Cc: Paul Nonni, Sr. Building Inspector, Inspectional Services Division.  
John Long, City Clerk  
George Proakis, Director of Planning  
J. Brandon Wilson, HPC Executive Director