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Historic Preservation Commission

July 19, 2012

Keith Glover & Lenore Hill Linden Tree Realty Trust 15 Linden Ave Somerville, MA 02143

RE: HPC 12.075 - 11 Linden Avenue, Somerville, MA

Dear Mr. Glover and Ms. Hill,

At their regular meeting on Tuesday, July, 2012, the Somerville Historic Preservation Commission voted unanimously (7-0) to grant a **Certificate of Hardship** to

- 1. Enlarge driveway entry up to 18' for compliance with access required by Fire Department; and
- 2. Redesign the landscaping and paving to minimize the visual impact of the wide driveway opening.

The Commission based its decision on your application, and presentation at the hearing, Staff recommendations, planting plans by Blair Hines Design Associates dated March 15, 2012 and revised on June 8, 2012, photographs of the house, discussion and recommendations of the Commission members. This proposed enlargement of the driveway opening is required by the Fire Department to alleviate safety concerns specific to your property and meets the Commission's adopted Guidelines for determining 'hardship'.

This letter is your formal notification of the issuance of the requested certificate. Please note that it is valid for one year from the date of this letter and must be re-validated by the Commission if substantial work has not been completed by the end of this period. Please take this letter to the Inspectional Services Department when you apply for a building permit. If you have any questions about this certificate, please feel free to contact us at (617) 625-6600 x 2500.

Good luck with your work!

Sincerely,

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Kristi Chase

Preservation Planner

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

John Long, City Clerk

George Proakis, Director of Planning

J. Brandon Wilson, Executive Director

Dick Bauer, Chairman

