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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
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MAYOR**

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

January 9, 2012

Dylan James
c/o Timothy Brown
23 Pleasant Avenue
Somerville, MA 02143

RE: HPC 11.107 – 23 Pleasant Avenue, Somerville, MA

Dear Mr. James,

At their regular meetings on Tuesday, November 15, 2011 and December 20, 2011, the Somerville Historic Preservation Commission voted unanimously **(7-0)** to grant a **Certificate of Appropriateness** to:

1. Remove rear basement door;
2. Remove 2 windows on rear and rear side ell;
3. Replace with siding to match existing;
4. Install new bay window on ground floor rear;
5. Replace 1 window on the west side second floor with an appropriately sized 2/2 double-hung Marvin wood window;
6. Replace 1 window on the west side toward the rear with a 1/1 double-hung Marvin wood window;
7. Remove and replace front, side and rear porch doors;
8. Install a second set of stairs from rear entry landing into backyard;

They also voted unanimously **(5-0)** to issue a **Certificate of Non-Applicability** under Section 10 of the Historic District Ordinance, which states "Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to prevent the ordinary maintenance, repair or replacement of any exterior feature within the historic district that does not involve a change in design, material, color or the outward appearance thereof...", to

1. Restore, repair or replace damaged wood clapboard, soffits, fascia, and trim in-kind; and
2. Repair wood windows in-kind as necessary.



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The Commission found that the renovation and plans met HPC guidelines for additions and infill construction; and that the alterations would be an improvement over the existing conditions. This was based upon your application, and presentation at the hearing, Staff recommendations, photographs of the house, plans by Reisen Design Associates dated 08/08/11 and revised on 10/3/11, window specifications from Marvin®, brochure from Lemieux Doors showing # 2081, cut sheets for Simpson Door Company for Thermal French (SDL) 37944, and for Baldwin door hardware #6552 and #6554, discussion and recommendations of the Commission members, as well as the Commission's adopted Design Guidelines for Historic Districts.

This letter is your formal notification of the issuance of the requested certificates. 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 Division when you apply for a building permit. If you have any questions about these certificates, please feel free to contact us at (617) 625-6600 x 2500.

Good luck with your work!

Sincerely,

Kristi Chase
Preservation Planner

Cc: Paul Nonni, Sr. Bldg. Inspector, Inspectional Services Division
John Long, City Clerk
J. Brandon Wilson, Executive Director, SHPC
Hank Reisen, Architect