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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

October 22, 2012

Michael Dull
26 Summit Avenue
Somerville, MA 02143

Re: **HPC 12.105 – 26 Summit Avenue, Somerville, MA**

Dear Mr. Dull,

The Historic Preservation Commission (Commission) received your application for an alteration to a Historic District Property on September 24, 2012. After a review of the application and a site visit, Staff made a determination that (1) the proposal to replace the existing 3-tab asphalt shingles with architectural shingles are within the jurisdiction of the Commission and are subject to their review. Therefore, the proposed changes specified above have been reviewed by the Commission at their hearing on Wednesday, October 16, 2012.

In accordance with the Somerville Historic District Ordinance Section 6.d.1, *Commission Powers and Duties*, which states, “[i]f the Commission determines that the construction or alteration for which an application for a certificate of appropriateness has been filed will be appropriate for or compatible with the preservation or protection of the historic district, the Commission shall cause a certificate of appropriateness to be issued to the applicant”, the Commission voted unanimously (6-0) to grant a **Certificate of Appropriateness** to the Applicant, Michael Dull, owner contingent upon the following conditions:

1. Replace 3-tab asphalt shingles with ‘weathered slate’-colored Slateline® architectural shingles.

The Commission based its decision on your application and presentation at the hearing, Staff recommendations, photographs of the house, discussions and recommendations of the Commission members, and the Commission’s adopted Design Guidelines for Historic Districts.

Further the Code states that only an “alteration to the physical appearance or architectural feature visible from a public way” is subject to review by the Historic Preservation Commission (section 7-17).



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Contingent upon the above condition, this letter shall also be considered to be a **Certificate of Non-Applicability** for the work noted below:

2. Replace skylights on the rear slope of the roof.

26 Summit Avenue is applicable for a Certificate of Appropriateness under Sections 6.d.1 of the Somerville Historic District Ordinance. Therefore, your proposal was reviewed by the Historic Preservation Commission on September 19, 2012 and they determined that the Certificates noted above will be appropriate for and compatible with the preservation and protection of the historic district. **This letter shall serve as Certificates of Appropriateness, and Non-Applicability for the work described above.** These Certificates are granted upon the condition that the work authorized herein is commenced within one year after the date of issue. If the work authorized by these Certificates are not commenced within one year after the date of issue, or if work is suspended in significant part for a period of one year after it has begun, these Certificates shall expire.

Please take this letter to the Inspectional Services Department when applying for a building permit.

Sincerely,



Kristi Chase
Preservation Planner

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