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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

March 29, 2012

Barbara Mangum, President Board of Trustees Somerville Museum 9 Josephine Avenue Somerville, MA 02144

RE: HPC 12.019 – 1 Westwood Road, Somerville Museum, Somerville, MA

Dear Ms. Mangum,

At their regular meeting on Tuesday, March 20, 2012, the Somerville Historic Preservation Commission voted unanimously (7-0) to grant a **Certificate of Appropriateness** to:

- 1. Enlarge side porch to include:
 - a. A wheelchair lift, partially screened from view;
 - b. A new roof with a painted wood entablature supported by tapered Doric columns; and
 - c. New stairs.

The Commission based its decision on your application, and presentation at the hearing, Staff recommendations, photographs, elevations and plans by Richard Graf, RA dated 3/6/2012 of the museum portico, discussion and recommendations of the Commission members, as well as the Commission's adopted Design Guidelines for Historic Districts.

They also voted unanimously (7-0) 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





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- 2. Repair and repaint all windows, exterior doors and trim in-kind;
- 3. Repair and replace all rotted and damaged wood trim and gutters in-kind as needed;
- 4. Repair and replace slate roof, copper flashings, gutter liner and valleys in-kind; and
- 5. Install snow guards in-kind.

This letter is your formal notification of the issuance of the requested certificates. Please note that they are 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 these certificates, please feel free to contact us at (617) 625-6600 x 2525.

Good luck with your work!

Sincerely, Must Muse

Kristi Chase

Preservation Planner

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

John Long, City Clerk Dick Bauer, Chairman,

J. Brandon Wilson, Executive Director