

Date: December 19, 2018  
To: Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone  
From: Appointments Advisory Committee  
CC: Kristen Stelljes  
RE: Recommendation for the Somerville Historic Preservation Commission

The Somerville Appointments Advisory Committee reviewed three applications and interviewed three candidates for the five vacant alternate positions on the Historic Preservation Commission (“HPC” or the “Commission”). All the candidates were asked a set of questions regarding their motivation for seeking the position and their qualifications to undertake the assigned duties. It is the opinion of the committee that Adam Wylie is the most qualified candidate for the position.



Adam is a Somerville homeowner who has made a conscious decision to raise his family in the city. “We have fallen in love with Somerville and have decided we want to stay here to raise our family,” he said. Adam’s professional qualifications and his interest in historic preservation has led to his interest in serving on the HPC. He explained in his application for the position, “I would love to use my expertise related to design and construction for historic structures, to better the community in which my family and I love.”

Adam’s professional and educational background suit him well for a role on the HPC. Adam’s educational background includes a BSE in Civil Engineering and a BS in Architectural Studies from Tufts University. His entire career has been in the construction management, design-build and owner’s representation realm. He founded his own Owner’s Representation and Project Management business (Mayhew PMC) in Somerville two years ago. Many of his projects have involved historic buildings or buildings in historic districts, including Beacon Hill in Boston, including some well-known historic landmarks.

Currently Adam serves as the secretary of the Boston Preservation Alliance’s Young Advisor Committee and attends board meetings and events for the organization. He also has vast experience with applying for and attending hearings for historic projects in Boston including Beacon Hill, Back Bay and elsewhere, which the Committee believes would give him a useful perspective as a Commission member.

In his capacity as Owners Representative, he believes it is his job to listen and make sure everyone’s voices are heard in a respectful manner. “I have been involved with many contentious permitting and architectural commission decisions and have learned that patience and listening are usually the best way to resolve problems or disagreements,” he explained in his application.

It is the opinion of the Appointment Advisory Committee that Mr. Wylie’s extensive experience in the area of historical restoration and building renovation, coupled with his expressed desire to

remain in the city and enhance its historical character, make him excellent addition to the Historic Preservation Committee, and it strongly recommends his appointment.