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March 9, 1999

Patricia Chen
85-87 Windsor Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

re: Case D-739

Dear Ms. Chen,

On March 4, the Historical Commission found the house at 85-87 Windsor Street to be a preferably-preserved significant building under Chapter 2.78 of the City Code.

The effect of this finding is that the Inspectional Services Department cannot issue a demolition permit for six months from March 4, or until September 4, 1999, nor can the building then be demolished until all requirements needed to obtain permits for the replacement structure have been complied with. During the six-month delay, the structure is protected as though it were designated as a landmark. Any exterior changes during this period must be reviewed and approved by the Commission.

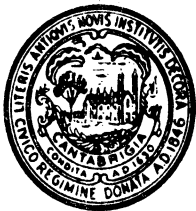
In addition, the ordinance requires that "the owner shall be responsible for properly securing [the building] in compliance with the regulations of the Building Department" (2.78.120.C). If the building is not secured and is subsequently lost through fire or other cause, its loss will be considered a voluntary demolition and the site must be kept idle and unused for two years.

The Commission can amend its findings and shorten the demolition delay at any time during the six-month protection period. For example, if revisions are made to the design of the replacement proposal and you would like the Commission to review the changes, please notify me in writing and I will schedule the case for the next available hearing date.

Sincerely,

Sarah L. Burks
Designated Property Administrator

cc: Margaret Drury, City Clerk
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May 10, 1999

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 99-87, regarding a report on the demolition of 85 Windsor Street, please be advised of the following:

The Historical Commission held a public hearing on March 4th concerning the owner's application to demolish this property and determined it to be a preferably preserved significant building under Ch. 2.78 of the City Code.

The effect of this finding is that a demolition permit cannot be issued for a period of six (6) months, or until September 4, 1999. The structure is protected for this six month period as though it were designated as a landmark.

The attached Historical Commission letter dated March 9, 1999 is provided for your information.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Consent Agenda #5 3465

Relative to AW Rpt. #99-87,
regarding a report on the demolition
of 85 Windsor Street.

In City Council May 10, 1999

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