

59 Albion Street  
Neighborhood Meeting #1 Report

Prepared by: Runcible Studios, Architect

Meeting Date: Wednesday 26 May 2021, 7 pm [via Zoom]

Attendees: Barbara Gorski [neighbor; 43 Albion Street], Jack and Judy Mason [neighbors, 56 Albion Street] Mark Niedergang [Ward 5 Councilor], Charlotte Leis [Planning], Andrew Graminski [Planning], Wendy Sczechowitz [Planning], Kate and Daryl St Laurent [property owners/applicants], Elish Nash [Landscape Architect, applicant team], Marilyn Moedinger [Architect, applicant team]

List of people/organizations contacted: See diagram of locations of flyers below; at request of Councilor Mark Niedergang, flyers were distributed beyond immediate neighbors to include all homes on the same block as the applicant, including homes on Woodbine and Centre Streets.

Manner/date of contact: Physical flyers were left at all of the addresses as described above above, on 19 May, 7 days previous to the meeting. The flyer is attached here. Drawings were provided to Councilor Niedergang via email on Wednesday 19 May, for his review and for distribution to any neighbor who requested them. The flyer was also posted on the property's front fence on 19 May.

Concerns raised in meeting:

- Barbara Gorski: whether the building would allow for commercial or residential use now or in the future, and whether the size conforms to what was there prior [demolished barn]
  - o Project team response: No, the backyard cottage will not be used for commercial use; no, the backyard cottage will not be used as a residential unit; yes, the proposed building conforms to the Zoning ordinance, and it will be smaller than what was there before.
  - o Barbara response: fine with the proposal as is
- Jack and Judy Mason: project looks beautiful, no objections

[Meeting presentation attached; recording of full Zoom meeting available upon request]

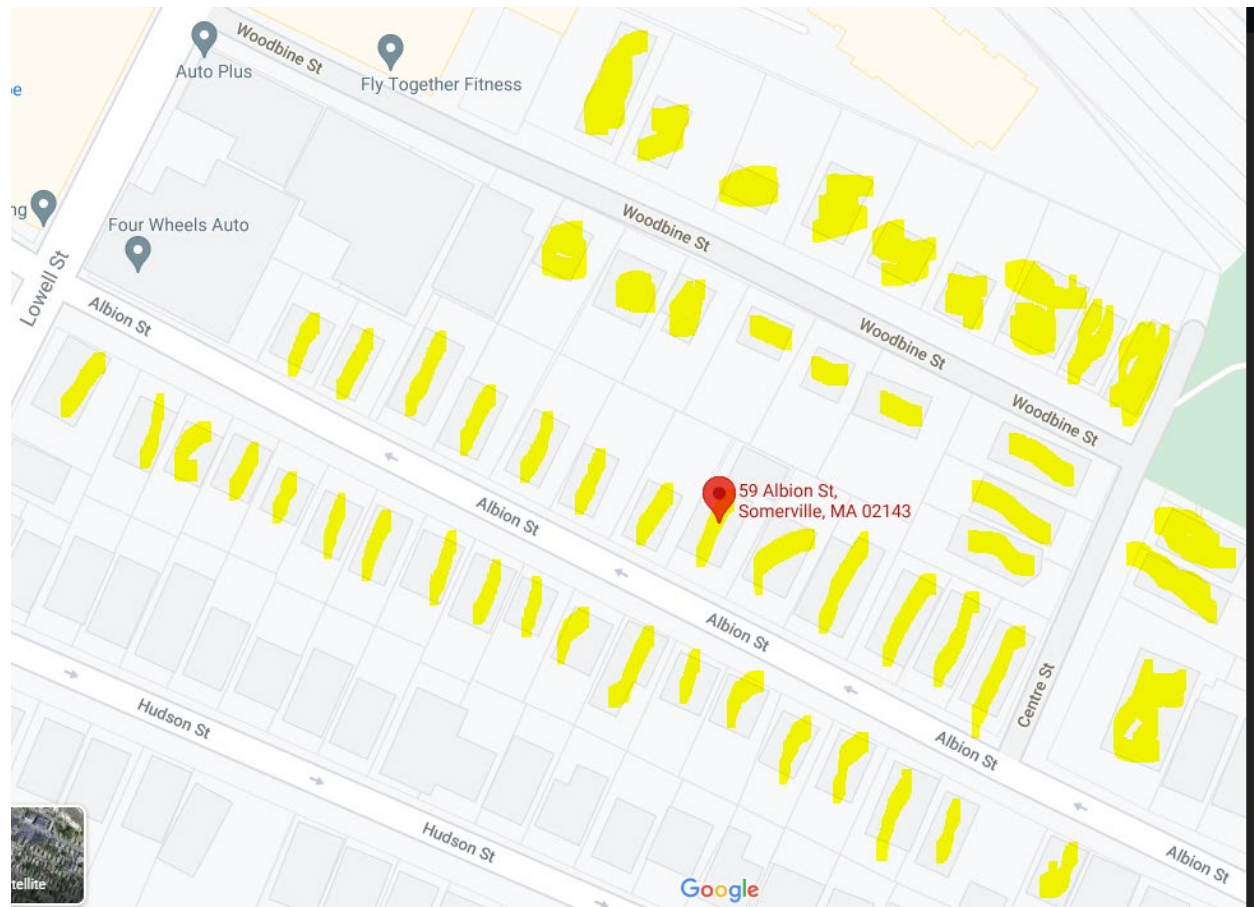


Diagram: Extents of flyering, 19 May 2021.

# **NOTICE OF** **NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

**REGARDING THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT  
OF A SMALL, BACKYARD COTTAGE BEHIND  
THE HOUSE AT**

**59 ALBION STREET**

**SPONSORED BY Ward 5 City Councilor Mark Niedergang**

**The property owners Kate and Daryl St Laurent and the  
architect, Marilyn Moedinger of Runcible Studios, will  
present the plans, answer questions, and respond to  
concerns from neighbors.**

**WHEN: Wednesday, May 26, 2021, 7 p.m.**

**WHERE: On your computer or phone via Zoom**

**To Join Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84376675986>**

**Or dial in by telephone: (646) 876-9923 Meeting ID: 843 7667 5986**

**NOTE: This will be the *first of two* neighborhood meetings about this development  
-- required under the new Somerville zoning ordinance.**

**For more information about the meeting or to see the plans for the proposed  
backyard cottage, please contact:**

**Ward 5 City Councilor Mark Niedergang  
(617) 629-8033 or [M.Niedergang@comcast.net](mailto:M.Niedergang@comcast.net)**