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Minutes for 2/28/13 Public Meeting

The Somerville Historic Preservation Commission held a public meeting on **Thursday, February 28, 2013**, at **10:00 a.m.** in City Hall, 3rd Floor Conference Room, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss an amendment to an existing Memorandum of Agreement regarding 360 Mystic Avenue and 95-101 Wheatland Street.

The Commission members first tried to determine if reconstruction was the appropriate direction to take. Finding that retaining and preserving the brick portion of the structure would not be a viable option, the Commission members discussed reusing the bricks from the brick portion as part of a new façade or as part of an interpretive exhibit. The Commission members asked the Applicant's current architect to look into this option, to determine if a majority of these bricks are able to be reused and to give Staff the name of the preservation mason assessing the bricks. While this information may not be prepared for the next meeting, the Commissioners hope to use this information to further their discussion and possibly include in an addendum to the original 2009 MOA.

The discussion then addressed how to incorporate a brick massing into the building that is reminiscent of the original brick portion as well as differences that could be made between the reconstruction of the original wood building and the new construction along Wheatland Street. The Commission members listed components of the brick portion they thought would be appropriate to see in an updated rendering for the next meeting on Wednesday, March 6, 2013 at 10 a.m. These components are the general proportions and pattern of the bays including the arched openings and wide door openings as well as the low roof pitch (for both the brick structure as well as the wood building).

The meeting concluded at approximately 11:30 a.m.

