

Valerie Birmingham

From: hmattison@aol.com
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2021 2:01 PM
To: Valerie Birmingham
Subject: 40 Kent St.

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Preservation Commission:
Please vote to delay the demolition of 40 Kent St.

Hugh Mattison, TMM5
209 Pond Ave.

Valerie Birmingham

From: Lynn-Jones, Sean M. <sean_lynn-jones@hks.harvard.edu>
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2021 4:45 PM
To: eelperin@gmail.com
Cc: Valerie Birmingham
Subject: 40 Kent

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Elton,

I probably don't have to tell you that I oppose demolition of 40 Kent Street. I can't attend the meeting, but I assume the Commission will impose a stay of demolition.

Best,

Sean

Valerie Birmingham

From: Gerald Tuckman <gtuckman@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2021 4:48 PM
To: Valerie Birmingham
Subject: Stay of Demolition - 40 Kent Street

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Good afternoon, Ms. Birmingham,

I am writing to you as a Brookline Citizen and Town Meeting Member from Precinct 9 to ask for a stay of demolition. Once lost, this historic house in the Brookline Village area, important to the entire town, will not be able to be recovered.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Gerald M (Jerry) Tuckman

Town Meeting Member - Precinct 9

Sent from my iPad

Valerie Birmingham

From: Joel and Elisabetta Oster <jandeoster@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2021 5:39 PM
To: Valerie Birmingham
Subject: Demolition of 40

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Dear Dr. Birmingham,
we strongly believe that the demolition of the house at 40 Kent Street is a terrible mistake, eliminating part of our history and who we are.

Please **do not** go ahead with the demolition.

Thank you,

sincerely,

Joel and Elisabetta Oster, owners of 3 Searle Ave, Brookline

Valerie Birmingham

From: Jonathan Margolis <jjmargolis@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2021 5:39 PM
To: Valerie Birmingham
Subject: 40 Kent Street

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I write in support of a delay in permitting the demolition of the building(s) at 40 Kent Street. The imposing structure on the lot is clearly an asset to the neighborhood. It should be preserved if at all possible.

Thank you,

Jonathan J. Margolis
TMM Pct. 7

Valerie Birmingham

From: Lynda Roseman <lyndaroseman@rcn.com>
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2021 5:43 PM
To: Valerie Birmingham
Subject: 40 Kent St

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I am writing to add my voice to those who favor preservation of 40 Kent Street.

Thank you.

Lynda Roseman, Town Meeting Member, Precinct 14

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Valerie Birmingham

From: Carol hillman <chillman96@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2021 5:45 PM
To: Valerie Birmingham
Cc: Cathleen Cavell; Virginia Smith
Subject: 40 Kent

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Dear Val:

Please add my voice in favor of a stay “of execution “ on this most impressive italianate building. We seem to be hell bent on tearing down Brookline’s heritage one magnificent house at a time. We need to put a halt to this wonton destruction by developers aided and abetted by some TMMs who don’t seem to care about history and neighborhoods

Thanks
Carol Hillman
TMM
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Valerie Birmingham

From: cdrake999@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2021 7:10 PM
To: Valerie Birmingham
Subject: Demolition Stay - 40 Kent Street

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Val –
Hope this message finds you well. I am writing to add my voice to those who would ask for a demolition stay for 40 Kent Street. I am neither an architect, nor a history buff but rather someone who believes that we don't have to tear down a building to get more housing (as the discussion on WA18 demonstrated). The dialogue started on WA18 needs to continue – which is outside of what you are entertaining on Weds but this doesn't have to be a zero sum game which is precisely what it becomes once the house comes down.

Respectfully,
Cyndi Drake
TMM P5



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Valerie Birmingham

From: Jill Schiff <jschiff2@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 08, 2021 12:16 AM
To: Valerie Birmingham
Subject: Please spare 40 Kent Street!!!

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Dear Ms. Birmingham,

I implore you to ask the Preservation Commission to allow a stay of demolition for 40 Kent Street. This property has a distinguished history and it is an architectural gem. It would be a grave loss to our town to remove yet another piece of the housing stock that makes Brookline such a desirable place to live, in order to line developers' pockets and increase the Allston-ization of Brookline.

Sincerely,
Jill Schiff
105 Winchester St
Brookline, MA 02446

Valerie Birmingham

From: Attorney Gil Hoy <info@gilhoylaw.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 08, 2021 4:17 AM
To: Valerie Birmingham
Subject: 40 Kent Street

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Dear Ms. Birmingham:

I am writing to ask you to please grant a stay of demolition for this property.

40 Kent is a wonderful building with substantial historic and architectural significance. It would be a great tragedy to lose it.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Gil Hoy
Town Meeting Member, Precinct 13
Former Select Board and Advisory Committee Member

Valerie Birmingham

From: Alexandra Spingarn <alexandraspin74@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 08, 2021 7:50 AM
To: Valerie Birmingham
Subject: Stay of demolition

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I am writing to you to request a stay of demolition of 40 Kent Street. It is a magnificent building in Brookline that should not be demolished.

Alexandra Spingarn, TMM Precinct 10

Ms. Alexandra Harrison Spingarn
40 Griggs Terrace
Brookline, MA 02446
Cell-Text- 617-943-9504

Valerie Birmingham

From: John Bassett <baswolfe@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2021 2:02 PM
To: Valerie Birmingham
Cc: vahsmith@aol.com
Subject: 40 Kent St.

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Dear Valerie Birmingham,

I urge the Preservation Commission to require the longest possible stay of demolition for 40 Kent St. To lose it would be a loss for the whole town and a gain only for whoever redevelops it. It's in a G 2.0 district with a FAR maximum of 2.0 and a height maximum of 45' or 60' with benefits. The 8 or 12 market rate apartments that might be jammed into this lot are not something the town needs. And the building is exceptional and would be a real loss.

John Bassett
TMM precinct 6

Valerie Birmingham

From: Peter Frumkin <frumkintmm@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 08, 2021 8:44 AM
To: Valerie Birmingham
Subject: 40 Kent Street

Dear Ms. Birmingham,

I'm writing to urge the Preservation Commission to issue the maximum Stay of Demolition possible for the building at 40 Kent Street.

This is a truly unique building that holds both historic and aesthetic/architectural significance. It is also a lovely building that adds to the streetscape. There are very few buildings like it in Brookline. It deserves not only to be preserved, but its history should be commemorated with a historic plaque.

As a neighbor of 40 Kent Street, as a Town Meeting Member from the precinct in which the building sits, and as someone who walks by the building frequently, I ask the Preservation Commission to act this evening to preserve it.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Peter Frumkin
TMM - Precinct 4

Valerie Birmingham

From: Jane Gillman <jcgilman3@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 08, 2021 8:50 AM
To: Valerie Birmingham
Subject: 40 Kent Street

Ms Birmingham, I am writing to ask that this beautiful building be preserved. It is iconic to our history and a beautiful piece of art. Kindly add this message to others asking for a stay of demolition to allow us time to save it. Thank you Jane Gilman Precinct 3

Valerie Birmingham

From: Linda Pehlke <lindaolsonpehlke@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2021 2:10 PM
To: Valerie Birmingham
Subject: Save 40 Kent

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Hello Valerie: I'm writing to urge the Preservation Commission at it's hearing scheduled for 6/8/21, to determine that the Elks house at 40 Kent is historically significant and should have a demolition delay enacted. The unique Italianate architecture and the cupola on the top of the building make this an especially unique and interesting building that contributes greatly to the look and feel of our historic Brookline Village streetscapes. We as a Town must strive to retain these unique examples of attractive and historic architecture to maintain our connection to the past, and to retain these properties for the benefit of future Brookline residents.

Sincerely, Linda Olson Pehlke, MUP, TMM Pct. 2

Brookline by Design
c/o Linda Olson Pehlke, MUP
48 Browne St. #2
Brookline, MA 02446

Mobile: 617.584.9512

Valerie Birmingham

From: ksmith1450@aol.com
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2021 3:03 PM
To: Valerie Birmingham
Subject: 40 Kent Street

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Hello Ms. Birmingham,

I am writing to urge that a stay of demoliton be issued for 40 Kent Street. This property holds considerable architectural and historical significance for Brookline and should be preserved, in my view.

Thank you.

Kim Smith
TMM6

Valerie Birmingham

From: vahsmith@aol.com
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2021 3:11 PM
To: Valerie Birmingham
Subject: Please vote for a Stay of Demolition for 40 Kent Street

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Dear Preservation Commission,

I am a Town Meeting Member from precinct 4 who has long admired the house at 40 Kent Street for its architectural beauty and pleasing proportions, not to mention its Italianate style, quoins and especially its 7-windowed cupola.

40 Kent is, to my eye, one of the most architecturally and historically significant houses in Brookline. Its demolition would be a tragedy and of great loss to Brookline's history, Brookline Village's important connection to the growth of the railways and, in the current day, a loss to the streetscape of Brookline Village.

40 Kent was built around 1850 by Ginery Twichell. First an owner of a stagecoach business, he became famous in 1846 by reaching New York from Boston on horseback four hours sooner than a competitor who traveled by train and steamboat. Three years later, perhaps seeing the writing on the wall in terms of the advent of the railways, he became the superintendent, then President, of the Boston and Worcester Railroad. It seems likely to me that he would watch his trains come in to Brookline Station, then a major junction, from the windows of his cupola at 40 Kent.

During the Civil War, Twichell served the Union by carrying important dispatches from Washington to New York. He went on to become a U.S. Congressman and president of other railroads.

40 Kent Street is one of several historic houses at 38-40 Webster and 17 Kent, in the curve where Webster meets Kent Street, a block from the center of Brookline Village, and thus forms part of an important enclave of similarly significant houses.

40 Kent is an architecturally stunning building which was built by, and inhabited, by a major figure in the history of Brookline,. The loss of this house would be a loss for our Town, and for our streetscape.

Please grant a stay of demolition for this architecturally lovely and historic house in Brookline Village.

Thank you.

Virginia Smith
12 Linden Street

Valerie Birmingham

From: Kathy Hitchcock <kahitchcock@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2021 3:27 PM
To: Valerie Birmingham
Subject: 40 Kent Street

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Dear Members of the Preservation Commission,

I am writing because 40 Kent Street, an architecturally beautiful and historic building in the center of Brookline Village is slated for demolition.

To lose this building would be to lose some of the history of Brookline, which is deeply connected to the legacy of railroads in Boston, and a huge loss to the streetscape of Brookline Village.

Please approve a stay of demolition.

Thank you,

Kathy Hitchcock
Teacher, Brookline High School
12 Linden Street
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Valerie Birmingham

From: Cher Duffield <cher.duffield@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2021 3:48 PM
To: Valerie Birmingham
Subject: Stay of demolition!

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Please do not demolish the house at 40 Kent Thank you Cher Duffield Tmm 6

Valerie Birmingham

From: Judith Vanderkay <jvanderkay@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2021 4:10 PM
To: Valerie Birmingham
Subject: 40 Kent Street

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Hello, Valerie --

I'm writing to ask you to convey to the Preservation Commission that I strongly urge them to issue a demolition stay for this wonderful house. I am aghast that someone wants to tear it down! I have always admired it, for its own architectural distinction, and for its place in our historic heritage. Thank you for passing along my request.

(I may not be able to attend the hearing myself, as my mother recently passed away and I am down in Florida trying to wrap up her affairs. The internet is terrible here and phone coverage is, too.)

Best regards, Judith

Judith Vanderkay
781-883-3793

Valerie Birmingham

From: Cathleen Cavell <cathleencavell@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2021 4:41 PM
To: Valerie Birmingham
Cc: Virginia Smith
Subject: 40 Kent Street Demolition Stay

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Dear Val Birmingham:

Please add my voice to the chorus seeking an 18-month demolition stay at 40 Kent Street. And please accept my thanks for your excellent demolition report with packed with history and great photos.

Cathleen Cavell
TMM Pct. One

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