

92 Sewall demolition

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Tue 9/28/2021 9:58 AM

To: Tina McCarthy <tmccarthy@brooklinema.gov>; Maria Morelli <mmorelli@brooklinema.gov>

Dear Maria and Tina,

I'm writing in the hope that the proposed full demolition of 92 Sewall can be delayed to provide time for the Town, the owner, and the community to work together to find a re-use solution that would preserve this iconic and much-loved structure. I recognize that no neighborhood can, or should, be "trapped in amber," and value the diversity of old and new structures in this area - yet I believe that this is one of our neighborhood's truly special buildings, and that with creative re-use it will continue to be a town treasure for another century. Thank you for your consideration.

Kate Becker
83 Stearns Rd #1
TMM, Precinct 3

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Bertram Inn Proposed Demolition Preservation Commission - Opposed to Demolition

Holly Carson <Holly.Carson@gmo.com>

Tue 9/28/2021 10:56 AM

To: Tina McCarthy <tmccarthy@brooklinema.gov>

Cc: Maria Morelli <mmorelli@brooklinema.gov>

Tina and Maria,

I am a long time Brookline resident and have lived on Sewall Ave for over 14 years. My husband and I plan to retire in our current residence. We value the neighborhood feel to our area on Sewall an Brookline in general. We very much hope and wish to preserve the current environment and architecture. I am very much opposed to potential plans to demolishing the current structure at 92 Sewall.

- This house is an anchor on the corner
- It's a beautiful historic house designed by a well-known architect.
- Urge REUSE of this building, i.e. condos in the existing house or as an inn
- Urge an 18-month delay to give us time to negotiate with Mr. Austen
- Demolition destroys the streetscape and in my view have a negative impact on the block, and broader area.

What we love about Brookline – from when I moved here 30 years ago – is that there is a community feel and neighborhood environment. It's not just high rise condos on every corner. My fear is we are moving closer and closer to becoming a community with just high rise, institutional feel buildings. And once we lose that, we can never get it back.

Please help us keep what is special about Brookline and do NOT demolish 92 Sewall Ave.

Regards, Holly Carson

617-283-5435

**92 Sewall Slated for Demolition
Wednesday, 9/29/2021, 7:30 PM:**



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Re: Bertram Inn Proposed Demolition Preservation Commission Wednesday, 9/29/2021, 7:30 PM

Maria Morelli <mmorelli@brooklinema.gov>

Wed 9/29/2021 2:38 PM

To: Mike O <mike.olfe@gmail.com>; Tina McCarthy <tmccarthy@brooklinema.gov>

Mr. Olfe,

Thank you for your email. I understand how disheartening the possibility of demolition is for you and your neighbors. I am cc'ing preservation planner Tina McCarthy who is staffing the Preservation Commission hearing on this matter. She can explain the 12-month demolition delay regulation. My advice is to submit your comments directly to Tina so that she can forward them to the Preservation Commission, which will discuss options available with the parameters of the bylaw.

Thank you for participating in this process. Your comments are very important to the Town.

Very best,
Maria

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"Democracy is not a state. It is an act." Rep. John Lewis

From: Mike O <mike.olfe@gmail.com>**Sent:** Wednesday, September 29, 2021 1:35 PM**To:** Maria Morelli <mmorelli@brooklinema.gov>**Subject:** Bertram Inn Proposed Demolition Preservation Commission Wednesday, 9/29/2021, 7:30 PM

Dear Ms. Morelli:

I live on Sewall Ave and pass this beautiful house every day. It is one of the few exceptions from the unrelenting ugliness of the larger buildings on St. Paul near this intersection. The idea that this would be demolished is extremely disheartening. Cannot the town try to avoid a race to the architectural bottom, and preserve some of its better heritage by preserving this building through reuse?

Thanks

Michael Olfe

122 Sewall Ave.

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92 Sewall Avenue

Jean Woy <jlwoy@hotmail.com>

Tue 9/28/2021 3:31 PM

To: Tina McCarthy <tmccarthy@brooklinema.gov>

Hello Tina,

I am writing to express my opposition to the plan to demolish 92 Sewall Avenue. As you know, I live on Sewall Avenue, at the other end of the block, corner of Sewall and Marshall.

These are my reasons to oppose this demolition:

- This house anchors the whole block; to remove it destroys the streetscape
- This is a beautiful house, designed by a well-known architect
- There are numerous ways this house could be reused without demolishing it: as condos (like a number of other houses on the same street); as an inn again; for organization headquarters; for medical offices.
- “The greenest building is the one already built”—demolishing and rebuilding adds to landfills, generates more carbon-- in manufacturing, transport of materials, rebuilding, disposing of building material—than reusing the existing building. Adds to climate problems.

I write to request an 18-month delay of demolition to give the owner and neighbors time to develop different uses of this building.

Thank you for your attention.

Jean Woy

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