

February 7, 2024

TO THE CITY COUNCIL,

Submitted herewith for your consideration, please find the designation of The Ropewalk, Charlestown.

The foregoing designation was approved by the Boston Landmarks Commission on January 23, 2024 and having been presented to the Mayor was returned signed on January 29, 2024.

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, as amended, if not acted upon within thirty days (March 8, 2024), the designation shall be deemed as if approved.

Respectfully

Alex Geourntas

City Clerk

cc Rosanne Foley, Executive Director
Boston Landmarks Commission

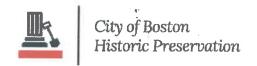
## VOTE OF DESIGNATION BY THE BOSTON LANDMARKS COMMISSION

PROPERTY: The Ropewalk, 97 Fifth Street, Charlestown (Boston), MA [address in ]Study Report is 155 Chelsea Street, Charlestown]

## STANDARDS AND CRITERIA TO BE APPLIED:

As described in the section entitled: "8.0 Standards and Criteria," included in

	the study report for the	subject property.
APPROV	ED BY THE BOSTON LA	NDMARKS COMMISSION:
	Date approved:	01/23/2024
	Attest:	(Secretary to the Commission)
PRESEN'	red to the mayor: JAN 2 6 2024	
	(Date)	
APPROV	ED BY THE MAYOR:	
	Date approved:	1/29/24
	Signature:	(Mayor)
PRESENT	FEB 7 2024	CIL:
	(Date)	
APPROVI	ED BY CITY COUNCIL:	
	Date approved:	
	Signature:	(City Clerk)





Alex Geourntas City Clerk, City of Boston Boston City Hall - Room 601 Boston, MA 02201

January 24, 2024

RE: Petition #115 - The Ropewalk, Charlestown

Dear Mr. Geourntas,

On January 23, 2024, the Boston Landmarks Commission unanimously voted to designate the Ropewalk in Charlestown as a Landmark under the provisions of Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, as amended.

According to the Landmarks Commission's statute, a designation approved by the Commission is presented to the Mayor for signing. If the Mayor disapproves the designation, they file the designation form with the City Clerk with objections noted in writing. If no mayoral action is taken on a designation, it is deemed approved by the Mayor after fifteen days.

The statute states that within thirty days following mayoral approval, the City Council can override a designation by a two-thirds vote. In the absence of City Council action, the designation is approved after the thirty-first day.

I appreciate your supervision of this approval process. Please call me at (617) 635-2510 if you have any questions.

Best Regards,

Rosanne Foley

Executive Director

Boston Landmarks Commission

HTY CLERK'S OFFICE

The Honorable Michelle Wu Mayor of the City of Boston Boston City Hall Boston, MA 02201

January 24, 2024

RE: Petition #115 - The Ropewalk, Charlestown

Dear Mayor Wu:

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The Ropewalk, located in the former Charlestown Navy Yard, is the only remaining granite ropewalk in the United States. The design is unique and was developed specifically to accommodate the manufacture of rope. Built in 1834 – 1837, the Ropewalk produced all of the rope used by the U.S. Navy for over 100 years.

The architect, Alexander Parris, was an early proponent of the Greek Revival style of architecture in this country and designed the Ropewalk in this style. As such, the Ropewalk incorporates many of the elements of this style: rough granite blocks with architectural detailing of smooth hammered granite; bold massing; a hipped roof of low pitch in the head house, with a gabled roof on the remainder of the Ropewalk, with all slopes covered with slate; a heavy, simple cornice line with smooth architrave; a regular fenestration pattern; and a large, triangular pediment capping the protruding central pavilion on the eastern facade. A quarter-mile long and 45-feet wide with two-foot thick walls, the building conveys power, clarity, simplicity, and attention to purpose.

The Boston Landmarks Commission asks that you give full consideration to the designation of the Ropewalk in Charlestown as a Boston Landmark.

Please don't hesitate to call me at (617) 635-2510 if you have any questions.

Best Regards,

Rosanne Foley Executive Director

Boston Landmarks Commission

CITY of BOSTON

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PROPERTY: The Ropewalk, 97 Fifth Street, Charlestown (Boston), MA [address in

Study Report is 155 Chelsea Street, Charlestown]

VOTED: That on January 23, 2024, the Boston Landmarks Commission

designates the Ropewalk at 97 Fifth Street as a Boston Landmark

under Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, as amended.

#### **VOTING IN FAVOR:**

John Amodeo David Berarducci Sue Goganian Richard Henderson Justine Orlando Lynn Smiledge

John Freeman

Brad Walker

#### **VOTING IN OPPOSITION:**

None.

## GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SITE:

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## GENERAL BOUNDARIES OF THE SITE:

The boundaries of the designated property are limited to the following address and parcel number: 97 Fifth Street, Charlestown, parcel number 0203510005. [Parcel number in Study Report, written in 1988, is 3510. Parcel number has since changed.]



RECEIVED FROM THE CITY CLERK FOR PRESENTATION TO THE MAYOR, VIZ:

Designation as a Landmark - Petition #115, the Ropewalk, Charlestown