

September 28, 2022

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Submitted herewith for your consideration, please find the designations of The Warren House, 130 Warren Street, Roxbury, MA, as a Landmark.

The foregoing designation was approved by the Boston Landmarks Commission on August 26, 2022 and having been presented to the Mayor was returned signed September 20, 2022.

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, as amended, if not acted upon within thirty days (October 29, 2022), the designation shall be deemed as if approved.

Alex Geourntas

City Clerk

cc

Rosanne Foley, Executive Director Boston Landmarks Commission



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

September 7, 2022

RE: Petition #254.16 - The Warren House, Roxbury

Dear Mayor Wu:

On October 26, 2021, the Boston Landmarks Commission unanimously voted to designate the Warren House in Roxbury as a Landmark under the provisions of Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, as amended.

The Warren House is a habitable memorial structure designed by the descendants of a nationally important historical figure, Dr. Joseph Warren.

The Warren House is historically significant at the local, state, and national levels for its association with Dr. Joseph Warren, the first high-ranking American officer killed during the Revolutionary War at the Battle of Bunker Hill in 1775. Several other members of the Warren family – who were either born and/or lived at this site – made unprecedented contributions to the field of medicine. Today, counties in 14 states bear the name of Joseph Warren, as do four towns in New England.

Constructed entirely from Roxbury puddingstone, a type of stone unique to Eastern Massachusetts, the building is one of the few puddingstone cottages in the City of Boston. It is a contemporary of the frame Gothic cottages still extant along Montrose Street in the Moreland Street Historic District of Roxbury.

The Boston Landmarks Commission asks that you give full consideration to the designation of the Warren House in Roxbury 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

VOTE OF DESIGNATION BY THE BOSTON LANDMARKS COMMISSION

PROPERTY: The Warren House, 130 Warren Street, Roxbury (Boston), MA

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.

APPROVED BY THE BOSTON LANDMARKS COMMISSION:		
	Date approved:	10/26/2021
	Attest:	(Secretary to the Commission)
PRESENTED TO THE MAYOR: SEP 8 7 2022		
	(Date)	
APPROVE	ED BY THE MAYOR:	SEP 20 7622
	Date approved: _	
	Signature:	(Mayor)
PRESENTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL:		
	SEP 28 2022	
	(Date)	
APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL:		
	Date approved:	
	Signature:	(City Clerk)

VOTE OF DESIGNATION BY THE BOSTON LANDMARKS COMMISSION

PROPERTY: The Warren House, 130 Warren Street, Roxbury (Boston), MA

VOTED: That on October 26, 2021, the Boston Landmarks Commission

designates the Warren House at 130 Warren Street as a Boston

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

VOTING IN FAVOR:

John AmodeoRichard HendersonJustine OrlandoDavid BerarducciKirsten HoffmanLynn SmiledgeJohn FreemanThomas HotalingBrad Walker

VOTING IN OPPOSITION:

None.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SITE:

This Gothic Revival building is comprised of a 2.5-story cross-gabled main block, a 2-story end-gabled rear wing at the east elevation, and a 1-story end-gabled addition at the easternmost wall of the rear wing. The main block and rear wing are constructed of local Roxbury puddingstone laid in random ashlar with granite trim.

The Warren House is historically and architecturally significant as a habitable memorial structure built by descendants of a nationally important historical figure, Dr. Joseph Warren. Warren played a significant role in the lead-up to the Revolutionary War and drafted a document that is believed to have influenced the Declaration of Independence; he became the first high-ranking American officer killed during the War at the Battle of Bunker Hill in 1775. Several other members of the Warren family – who were either born and/or lived at this site – made unprecedented contributions to the field of medicine. Today, counties in 14 states bear the name of Joseph Warren, as do four towns in New England. Constructed entirely from Roxbury puddingstone, a type of stone unique to Eastern Massachusetts, the building is one of the few puddingstone cottages in the City of Boston. It is a contemporary of the frame Gothic cottages still extant along Montrose Street in the Moreland Street Historic District of Roxbury.

GENERAL BOUNDARIES OF THE SITE:

The boundaries of the designated property are limited to the following address and parcel number: 130 Warren Street, Roxbury, parcel number 1200111000.