

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WORCESTER**

**FEBRUARY 22, 2007  
CHASE BUILDING, 44 FRONT STREET, WORCESTER  
ROOM 300 – CONFERENCE ROOM**

**Commission Members Present:** Peter Schneider, Chair  
Thomas Conroy, Clerk  
Michael Theerman  
Thomas Constantine  
James Crowley

**Staff Present:** Edgar Luna, Division of Planning and Regulatory Services

**REGULAR MEETING (5:30 PM)**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Schneider called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Edgar Luna informed the Commission that the minutes from the February 8, 2007 were not completed.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mr. Luna informed the Commission that there were no updates on the Historic Commission procedures, or the local option property tax assessment.

- 1. 28 Crown Street (HC-06-36).** This hearing was continued from the February 8, 2007 meeting. Heather Renihan, petitioner, and Ronald Johnson presented the petition. Ms. Renihan stated that she was seeking to do the following: (a) Remove and replace the exterior stairway and landing to the second floor, (b) Remove, replace, and relocate the door to the second floor apartment to the adjacent window space, (c) Remove and replace the front porch roof structure, crown moldings and columns. (d) Remove and replace the front porch floor boards with like materials, (e) Remove and replace the front entrance door, (f) Remove and replace the windows located in the second floor front half of the house, (g) Remove and replace the garage roof. Upon reviewing the petition submitted, and the evidence provided, the Worcester Historical Commission found that the proposed demolition would not be detrimental to the architectural or historical resources of the City of Worcester. Therefore, on motion by Tom Conroy and seconded by Tom Constantine, it was voted 5-0 by Commission members Peter Schneider, Thomas Conroy, Michael Theerman, James Constantine, and James Crowley to grant the Building Demolition Delay Waiver with the following conditions:

- 1) Remove and replace the exterior stairway and landing to the second floor. The reconfigured stairway and landing shall include architectural details similar in style to the front porch.
- 2) Remove, replace, and relocate the door to the second floor apartment to the adjacent window space. A smaller window shall be installed in the previous door location.
- 3) Remove and replace the front porch roof structure, crown moldings and columns. The replacements shall match the originals in style and materials.
- 4) Remove and replace the front porch floor boards with like materials.
- 5) Remove and replace the front entrance door. The new door shall match the existing door in style and materials, including sidelights.
- 6) Remove and replace the windows located in the second floor front half of the house. The replacements shall match the existing windows in style and size. The small window located to the right of the dwelling will be removed and clapboarded.
- 7) Remove and replace the garage roof. The replacement shall match the existing roof in style and materials.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**2. 10 Massachusetts Avenue (HC-07-02)** – James Dowd, representative for James Welu, petitioner, presented the petition. Mr. Dowd stated that the petitioner was seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness to remove and replace the 2 chimneys located on site. In addition, he stated that the demolition was needed due to the fact that both chimneys were in an advance state of disrepair, and could not be repaired. He also indicated that the petitioner would utilize bricks of the same design and mortar of the same color as the originals. He further stated that the granite caps were in good condition; therefore, each piece would be reused. Upon reviewing the petition submitted, and the evidence provided, the Worcester Historical Commission found that the proposed demolition would not be detrimental to the architectural or historical resources of the City of Worcester. *Upon a motion by Commissioner Conroy and seconded by Commissioner Constantine, the Commission determined that the proposed exterior work was appropriate for the historic and architectural value and significance of the site, building, and structure and voted 5-0 to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for the proposed removal and replacement of the two chimneys on site.* The Certificate of Appropriateness was granted with the following condition:

- 1) The new chimneys shall be built utilizing the same architectural design as the originals, and constructed of brick similar in style as the originals. All original granite pieces in good condition shall be kept and reused.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Mr. Luna informed the Board that he contacted Commissioner Jablonski twice to follow up on her decision to resign from the Historical Commission; however, she did not respond to either message.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Schneider adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.