



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

Thursday, January 27, 2022

Worcester City Hall - Levi Lincoln Chamber,
with remote participation options available via Webex online at
<https://cow.webex.com/meet/historicalncommissionwebex> and
call-in number 415-655-0001 (Access Code: 1608081191).

Commissioners Present: Devon Kurtz, Chair
Janet Theerman, Clerk
Diane Long, Vice-Chair
Randolph Bloom
Erika Helnarski, Alternate
Steven Taylor, Alternate

Commissioners Absent: Tomi Stefani

Staff Present: Michelle Johnstone, Division of Planning & Regulatory Services (DPRS)
Stephen S. Rolle, Division of Planning & Regulatory Services (DPRS)

The January 27, 2022 Historical Commission meeting was held remotely

Call Commission to Order – 5:30 PM

Approval of Minutes – 1/13/2022, 1/20/2022 - Held

Postponements & Continuances

Building Demolition Delay Waiver

1. 40 Plantation Street – HC-2021-065 (MBL 18-008-00005)

Upon a motion by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Theerman, and on a roll call vote, the Commission voted 6-0 to continue the application of the February 10, 2022 Historical Commission meeting.

New Business

Building Demolition Delay Waiver

2. 17 Papineau Street – HC-2021-070 (MBL 28-021-00002)

Jaclyn Painchaud called in for the application.

Ms. Painchaud stated that she purchased the home last year and it needs a lot of repairs and stated that she is proposing to replace the windows, siding and do work to the sunroom space.

Commissioner Bloom asked if the current siding is cedar shakes and was that always the case. Ms. Johnstone stated that she thinks based on the era of the house that it was probably cedar shingles originally.

The Commission members discussed whether they should ask the applicant to prove the cost of repair versus replacement for the windows.

Public Comment

Upon a motion by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Theerman, and on a roll call vote, the Commission voted 6-0 to close the public hearing portion of the hearing.

No public comment.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Theerman, and on a roll call vote, the Commission voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, on two separate motions, that the work proposed at 17 Papineau Street, consisting of siding replacement and modifications to the sunroom as described in the application and discussed at the meeting, would not be detrimental to the historical and architectural resources of the City. Having gained a majority vote, the motion passed and the Building Demolition Delay Waiver for the above described work at 17 Papineau Street was thus approved.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Theerman, and on a roll call vote, the Commission voted 5 in favor and 1 opposed, with Commissioner Taylor voting no, on a motion made and duly seconded, that the work proposed at 17 Papineau Street, consisting of replacing original windows with 6/6 double-hung vinyl windows, would not be detrimental to the historical and architectural resources of the City. Having gained a majority vote, the motion passed and the Building Demolition Delay Waiver for 17 Papineau Street was thus approved.

List of Exhibits

Exhibit A. Building Demolition Delay Waiver application, dated December 26, 2021 and received December 29, 2021.

3. 19 Ives Street – HC-2021-071 (MBL 08-035-00062)

The applicant did not call in for the meeting, and the item was held to the end of the meeting, where it was considered without the applicant's participation.

Chairman Kurtz stated that he had read staff's recommendation and feels the Commission can vote on the item without the applicant present as the home has been heavily altered.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Theerman, and on a roll call vote, the Commission voted 6-0 to close the public hearing portion of the hearing.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Theerman, and on a roll call vote, the Historical Commission voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed that the above listed building does not fall under the purview of Worcester Commission as defined by Chapter 9 §13 of the City of Worcester's Revised Ordinances of 2008, as amended, due to the fact that it has been heavily altered, and a Leave to Withdraw was issued.

Exhibit A. Building Demolition Delay Waiver application, dated December 7, 2021 and received December 30, 2021.

4. 33 Hermon Street/9 Harris Court – HC-2022-001 (MBL 03-003007+14, 03-003-0020B)

Attorney Donald J. O’Neil and Anthony Rossi called in for the item.

Mr. Rossi stated that 50% of the windows have already been replaced and he like to do the other 50%, he would also be doing some masonry repairs, connecting the buildings, installing of a roof deck, and demolishing the garage. A power point presentation was shown of the work proposed.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Theerman, and on a roll call vote, the Commission voted 6-0 to close the public hearing portion of the hearing.

Upon a roll call vote, the Commission voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed that the work proposed at 33 Hermon Street & 9 Harris Court as described in the application and discussed at the meeting, would not be detrimental to the historical and architectural resources of the City. Having gained a majority vote, the motion passed and the Building Demolition Delay Waiver for 33 Hermon Street & 9 Harris Court was thus approved.

Exhibit A. Building Demolition Delay Waiver application, dated and received January 5, 2022.

Communications

A. Communication from the Courtney Meadows of Trileaf requesting comment on a proposed antenna installation at 8 Grafton Street (Section 106).

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 6-0 not to provide comments.

B. Communication from the MHC to MacRostie Historic Advisors notifying them of a finding of “no adverse effect” regarding their proposed project at Aurora Hotel, 660 Main Street.

C. Communication from the Dave Akerblom of Nova Group requesting comment on a proposed antenna modification at 18 Grafton Street (Section 106).

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 6-0 not to provide comments.

Other Business

A. Commission officer annual elections.

Held.

Adjournment

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 6-0 to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m.