



City of Worcester Historical Commission Meeting Agenda

Thursday, August 10, 2023, 5:30 PM

Worcester City Hall, Levi Lincoln Chamber,
3rd Floor, Room 309, 455 Main Street

Commission Members

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Hay disponibles servicios de interpretación y otras adaptaciones con solicitud previa.

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Interpretação e outras adaptações estão disponíveis mediante solicitação prévia.

Përkthimi dhe akomodime të tjera janë në dispozicion me kërkesë paraprake.

Kasa nkyereseë ene akwanya aforo da ho ma won a won be bisa ato ho.

Phiên dịch và các hỗ trợ khác có sẵn theo yêu cầu trước.

Division Staff

Michelle Smith, Assistant Chief Development
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Pamela Harding, Chief Planner
Michelle Johnstone, Sr. Preservation Planner
Stephen Cary, Senior Planner
Eric Flint, Conservation Planner
Andreana Brenner, Planning Analyst
Rose Russell, Planning Analyst
Olivia Holden, Administrative Assistant

Upcoming Meetings

August 24, 2023
September 7, 2023
September 21, 2023
October 5, 2023
October 19, 2023
November 2, 2023
November 16, 2023
November 30, 2023
December 21, 2023

This Worcester Historical Commission meeting will be held in-person at the date, time, and location listed above. Meeting attendees will additionally have options to participate remotely by joining online or by phone:

- Use the following link to join the meeting via computer:
<https://cow.webex.com/meet/historicalcommissionwebex> or
- Call 415-655-0001 (Access Code: 1608081191) for the Historical Commission.

Note: If technological problems interrupt the virtual meeting component, the meeting will continue in-person.

Application materials may be viewed on the City Website at <http://www.worcesterma.gov/planning-regulatory/boards/historical-commission>.

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CALL COMMISSION TO ORDER – 5:30 PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MARCH 9 & 23, MAY 4, JUNE 1, 15 & 29, JULY 13 & 27, 2023

OLD BUSINESS

Building Demolition Delay Waiver

1. 88 Webster Street (27-032-00004) – BDDW-23-13

Petitioner: Sarah Vo o/b/o Gold Star Builders
Year Built: 1915
Historic Status: MACRIS listed, positive National Register Opinion of Eligibility, FKA Spencer Wire Company Building No. 30–Handy Pad Surgical Supply Company Building
Petition Purpose: Construct addition
Selective replacements of bricks, concrete blocks, windows & window grates

NEW BUSINESS

Certificate of Non-Applicability

2. 9 Crown Street (03-025-00010) – CNA-23-22

Petitioner: Joe Chaves
Year Built: 1850
Historic Status: MACRIS listed, State Register of Historic Places, Positive National Register of Historic Places Determination of Eligibility, National Register of Historic Places (district), Crown Hill Local Historic District, Preservation Restriction, FKA Jonathan C. French – Fannie C. Fales House
Petition Purpose: Replace deck boards

3. 96 Sagamore Road (20-002-03+4A) – CNA-23-23

Petitioner: Kim Vanderspek
Year Built: 1902
Historic Status: MACRIS listed, State Register of Historic Places, National Register of Historic places (district & multiple resource area), Montvale local Historic District, FKA Albert Gordon House
Petition Purpose: Replace fence

4. 88 Sagamore Road (20-002-00005) – CNA-23-24

Petitioner: Sean Farren
Year Built: 1906
Historic Status: MACRIS listed, State Register of Historic Places, National Register (district & multiple resource area), Montvale Local Historic District, FKA Joseph P. Cheney House
Petition Purpose: Replace fence

Building Demolition Delay Waiver

5. 928, 930, 934 Main Street (06-042-00023, -00024, -00025) – BDDW-23-22

Petitioner: Joshua Lee Smith o/b/o Clark University
Year Built: 1925 (928 & 930), 1914 (934)
Historic Status: MACRIS listed, FKA Albert G. Chavoor Building (928), Charles T. Chavoor Building (930), and Chavoor Apartment House (934)
Petition Purpose: Complete demolition of all three buildings

6. 17 Hermon Street (03-003-00006) – BDDW-23-38

Petitioner: Rachael Mair of GoVenture Capital Group
Year Built: 1869
Historic Status: MACRIS listed, State Register of Historic Places, National Register of Historic Places (district & multiple resource area), FKA Taylor & Farley Organ Factory
Petition Purpose: Replace windows, trim, and doors in new and existing openings

7. 41 Whitmarsh Avenue (12-009-00019) – BDDW-23-39

Petitioner: Allison Lee of Worcester Community Housing Resources, with the permission of the current owner, Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
Year Built: 1915
Historic Status: MACRIS listed, FKA Zion Lutheran Church
Petition Purpose: Reconstruct the façade/envelope of the 1960s addition
Remove all existing storefront glazing, frames, spandrel panels and doors & infill storefront openings on north, south and west elevations with CMU block wall with openings for windows.

8. 5 Jackson Street (03-003-00023) – BDDW-23-40

Petitioner: Jonathan Finkelstein o/b/o Michael O'Rourke
Year Built: 1875
Historic Status: MACRIS listed, FKA George T. Witherby House
Petition Purpose: Drill holes in masonry to accommodate sprinkler standpipe & FDC sign, fire alarm bell & hot air heating units

Certificate of Appropriateness & Building Demolition Delay Waiver

9. 12 Congress Street (03-026-00023) – COA-23-15

Petitioner: Allison Lee of Worcester Community Housing Resources
Year Built: 1867
Historic Status: MACRIS listed, State Register of Historic Places, National Register (district & multiple resource area), Crown Hill Local Historic District, FKA Nelson Cowan House
Petition Purpose: Paint siding, trim, doors, window sashes, and shutters
Replace fencing
Install a new retaining wall
Install a heating system ventilation pipe through the roof

10.253 Pleasant Street (03-027-00029) – COA-23-16

Petitioner: Wendy Steinhilber
Year Built: 1930
Historic Status: Crown Hill Local Historic District
Petition Purpose: Replace windows & doors
Add window boxed & downlighting
Power wash, point, repair, and restore brick
Remove rolldown door hardware

COMMUNICATIONS – None

OTHER BUSINESS – None

ADJOURNMENT