

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

June 6, 2019

LEVI LINCOLN CHAMBER, ROOM 309 – CITY HALL

Commission Members Present: Randolph Bloom
Devon Kurtz
Diane Long
Janet Theerman

Commission Members Absent: Mark Wamback
Robyn Conroy
Tomi Stefani

Staff Members Present: Timothy Gilbert, Division of Planning & Regulatory Services
Deborah Steele, Division of Planning & Regulatory Services

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 9, 2019, May 23, 2019

Upon a motion by Commissioner Theerman and seconded by Commissioner Long, the Commission voted 4-0 to postpone the approval of minutes for May 9, 2019 meeting to the June 20, 2019 Historical Commission meeting.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Theerman and seconded by Commissioner Long, the Commission voted 4-0 to postpone the approval of the minutes for May 23, 2019 to the June 20, 2019 Historical Commission meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Building Demolition Delay Waiver

1. 339 Shrewsbury Street – HC-2019-023 (MBL 06-17A-0026A)

Petitioner: Annunzia and Mark Grilla
Year Built: 1888
Historic Status: MACRIS listed, fka Thomas B. O’Connor Three-Decker
Petition Purpose:

- Replace front porch steps, landing, and rails

BDDW Constructive Grant Deadline: June 23, 2019

Annunzia and Mark Grilla appeared upon behalf of the application.

The Commission members and the applicant discussed the proposed work and the type of replacement material the applicants were proposing to use.

No Public Comment

Upon a motion by Commissioner Kurtz and seconded by Commissioner Theerman, the Commission voted 4-0 to close the Public Hearing.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Kurtz and seconded by Commissioner Theerman, the Commission voted 4-0 that the proposed work is not detrimental to the historical and architectural resources of the City and voted to approve the Building Demolition Delay Waiver.

Exhibit A: Building Demolition Delay Waiver Application, dated September 17, 2018, received May 9, 2019

2. 26 Cedar Street – HC-2019-024 (MBL 02-033-00041)

Petitioner: Daniel Rizika
Year Built: c1857
Historic Status: MACRIS listed and National Register listed,
fka the William A. Williams House

Petition Purpose:

- Replace roof, associated wood elements, and gutters

BDDW Constructive Grant Deadline: June 30, 2019

Daniel and Amy Rizika appeared upon behalf of the application.

The proposal included work on the mansard roof, which consisted of removal of the metal and replacing rotted wood and PVC, the installation of grace ice/water shielding, and the shingling of the entire roof with Everest Cobalt Black Architect Roof Shingle. The applicants also discussed work on the dormers, which consisted of removing wood rot, repair/replacement of the trim, and painting. In addition, the corbels would be removed, repaired, painted and replaced, and the old rotten gutters would be replaced and applicant would connect downspout drains.

No Public comment

Upon a motion by Commissioner Kurtz and seconded by Commissioner Theerman, the Commission voted 4-0 to close the Public Hearing.

Upon a motion by Theerman and seconded by Commissioner Kurtz, the Commission voted 4-0 that proposed demolition for the repair of the dormers and dormer roofs is not detrimental to the historical and architectural resources of the City and voted to approve the Building Demolition Delay Waiver for that portion of the application.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Theerman and seconded by Commissioner Long, the Commission voted 4-0 that the proposed demolition concerning the brackets, which are to be removed, repaired, painted and replaced, and the removal of the old gutters and replacement with new gutters to the perimeter of the building, is not detrimental to the historical and architectural resources of the City and voted to approve the Building Demolition Delay Waiver for that portion of the application.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Theerman and seconded by Commissioner Kurtz, the Commission voted 0-4 that the proposed demolition concerning the repair of the mansard roof, the removal of the metal and replacing rotted wood and PVC, the installation of grace ice/water shielding, and the shingling of the entire roof with Everest Cobalt Black Architect Roof Shingle is not detrimental to the historical and architectural resources of the City and voted to approve the Building Demolition Delay Waiver for that portion of the application. The motion failed and the Commission considered economic hardship at the applicant's request based on the economic figures the applicant had provided to the Commission.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Kurtz and seconded by Commissioner Bloom, the Commission voted 4-0 that based on the economics involved in the replacement of the roof at 26 Cedar Street that it would create an undue economic hardship on the applicant, and the economic hardship passed.

Exhibit A: Building Demolition Delay Waiver Application, dated May 15, 2019, received May 16, 2019

Certificate of Appropriateness

3. 5 Crown Street – HC-2019-022 (MBL 03-025-00008)

Petitioner: Eric Cruze & Tomoko Sakai
Year Built: 1848
Historic Status: MACRIS listed, National Register listed, and located within Crown Hill Local Historic District, fka the Rev. Jonathan Aldrich – Francis Southgate House

Petition Purpose:

- Remove portion of stone wall and install drivable pavers
- Construct a patio and walkway
- Install fence
- Replace window with door

BDDW Constructive Grant Deadline: June 22, 2019

COA Constructive Grant Deadline: July 7, 2019

Exhibit A: Certificate of Appropriateness, dated May 6, 2019 and received May 6, 2019

Upon a motion by Commissioner Theerman and seconded by Commissioner Long, the Commission voted 4-0 to postpone the application for 5 Crown Street to the June 20, 2019 Historical Commission meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Invitation to Comment from EBI Consulting re: Telecommunications facility, 1029 Pleasant Street, received electronically May 16, 2019. No comment.
- b. Invitation to comment from RESCOM re: Section 106, 51 Union Street, received May 28, 2019. No comment.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Commissioner Theerman and seconded by Commissioner Kurtz, the Commission voted 4-0 to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 p.m.