



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

Thursday, February 9, 2023

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: Diane Long, Chair
Janet Theerman, Vice-Chair
Donald Northway
Tomi Stefani
Vanessa Andre, Alternate (participated remotely)

Commissioners Absent: Steve Taylor, Clerk
Erika Helnarski
Devon Kurtz

Staff Present: Michelle Johnstone, Division of Planning & Regulatory Services (DPRS)

Call Commission to Order – 5:30 PM

Approval of Minutes – None

Requests for Continuance, Postponement, Leave to Withdraw

Building Demolition Delay Waiver & Certificate of Appropriateness

1. 114 Austin Street (03-024-00002) – HC-2022-090

Upon a motion by Vice-Chair Theerman and seconded by Commissioner Northway the Commission voted five (5) to zero (0) to continue the Building Demolition Delay Waiver and Certificate of Appropriateness application for 114 Austin Street to the February 23, 2023 Historical Commission meeting.

New Business

Building Demolition Delay Waiver & Certificate of Appropriateness

2. 23 Newbury Street (03-024-00008) – HC-2022-098

James Brooks from the City of Worcester Housing Division appeared on behalf of Doreen Beauchene. Mr. Brooks stated that they are proposing to replace some windows on the property and reviewed the windows to be replaced. Mr. Brooks stated that they also will be replacing decking on the rear porches that is rotted and needs to be replaced.

Vice-Chair Theerman stated that most of work proposed isn't even visible from the street.

Public Comment

None.

Upon a motion by Vice-Chair Theerman and seconded by Commissioner Northway the Commission voted five (5) to zero (0) to close the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Upon a motion by Vice-Chair Theerman and seconded by Commissioner Northway the Commission voted five (5) in favor and zero (0) opposed that the proposed work, consisting of the replacing select windows in-kind and replacing the decking on the rear porches with composite decking would not be detrimental to the historical or architectural resources of the City of Worcester. Having gained a unanimous affirmative vote, the motion passed and the Building Demolition Delay Waiver for 23 Newbury Street was thus approved.

Upon a motion by Vice-Chair Theerman and seconded by Commissioner Northway the Commission voted five (5) in favor and zero (0) opposed that the proposed work, consisting of replacing select windows in-kind and replacing the decking on the rear porches with composite decking is appropriate and compatible with the preservation and protection of the Crown Hill Local Historic District as it relates to the historic and architectural value and significance of the site and structure. Having gained a unanimous affirmative vote, the motion passed and the Certificate of Appropriateness for 23 Newbury Street was thus approved.

Communications

- A. Request from Preservation Worcester for a letter of support for a Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund grant application.

Upon a motion by Vice-Chair Theerman and seconded by Commissioner Northway the Commission voted five (5) to zero (0) to provide a letter of support for the Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund grant application.

Other Business

- A. Discussion on assessed condition of additional properties proposed for inclusion in the proposed Elm Park Local Historic District.

Held.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Vice-Chair Theerman and seconded by Commissioner Northway the Commission voted five (5) to zero (0) to adjourn the meeting at 5:47 p.m.