

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

January 26, 2012

LEVI LINCOLN CHAMBER – CITY HALL

Commission Members Present: Thomas Constantine, Chair
Timothy McCann, Vice-Chair
Kevin Provencher, Clerk
James Crowley
Peter Schneider
Andrew Shveda
Meagen Mulherin

Staff Present: Edgar Luna, Division of Planning & Regulatory Services
Deborah Steele, Division of Planning & Regulatory Services

REGULAR MEETING (5:30 PM)

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Constantine called the meeting to order at 5:32 P.M.

MINUTES:

Mr. Luna informed the Commission that the January 12, 2012 will be sent at a later date.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. 147 Sterling Street (HC-2012-103) – Building Demolition Delay Waiver:** Steven Jankowski, representative for the Roman Catholic Bishop of Worcester, petitioner, presented the petition. Mr. Jankowski indicated that the petitioner was seeking Building Demolition Delay Waiver approval to make the following changes: (a) Church: remove the asphalt roof shingles located on side entryways and replace them with new asphalt roof shingles, and (b) Rectory: remove the asphalt roof shingles and replace them with new asphalt roof shingles. In addition, he stated that the roof shingles to be removed and replaced were not original to the period of the church, and were in an advanced state of decay. Commissioner Provencher asked Mr. Jankowski if the roofing structure had been affected by the deteriorated roofing shingles and he responded that the roofing structures of both building: the Church and Rectory, were not affected and remained solid and in good order. Mr. Luna informed the Commission that the interior of the church was also restored a few years ago, and stated that the proposed changes were part of their regularly

Exhibit A: Application submitted by the Roman Catholic Bishop of Worcester, dated December 23, 2011, and received December 28, 2011.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- 2. Worcester State Hospital Clock Tower Update:** Commissioner Schneider gave an overview of the efforts being considered to preserve and restore the Clock Tower. He indicated that at the moment, the only two options being considered are the following: (a) restore the Clock Tower by reinforcing the structure internally and repairing damaged architectural features, and (b), demolish the Clock Tower and replicate it in the same location utilizing materials harvested from the surrounding structure. He also indicated that a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will be written and the Worcester Historical Commission will be a signatory party in addition to the Massachusetts Historical Commission and Preservation Worcester.

- 3. Worcester Fire Department photographs donated by Wrentham Historical Commission:** Mr. Luna informed the Commission that three (3) photographs depicting Worcester Firemen and dated 1911, were recently donated to the Worcester Historical Commission. Chair Constantine stated that, in his opinion, donating the 3 photographs to the Worcester Historical Museum would ensure their preservation and use for future generations. Jo Hart, a City resident, stated that in her opinion, the Commission should advocate for the establishment of a Worcester Fire Department Museum and utilize the 3 photographs as the genesis of their photographic collection. Upon a motion by Commissioner McCann, and seconded by Commissioner Provencher, the Commission voted 6-0 to donate the three (3) photographs donated by the Wrentham Historical Commission to the Worcester Historical Museum, and instructed Mr. Luna to inform the Museum of the Commission's decision and transfer the photographs accordingly. Mr. Luna stated that he would do so.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.