

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

September 5, 2019

ESTHER HOWLAND, ROOM 302 – CITY HALL

Commission Members Present: Mark Wamback, Chair
Randolph Bloom, Vice-Chair
Robyn Conroy
Devon Kurtz
Diane Long
Janet Theerman

Commission Members Absent: Tomi Stefani

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

CALL COMMISSION TO ORDER – 5:30 PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

AUGUST 8, 2019

Upon a motion by Commissioner Theerman and seconded by Commissioner Kurtz, the Commission voted 6-0 to approve the minutes of September 5, 2019.

AUGUST 22, 2019 – HELD

OLD BUSINESS

Building Demolition Delay Waiver

1. 10 Heroult Road – HC-2019-047 (MBL 37-008-00039)

Petitioner: Elizabeth A. Austin
Year Built: c1915
Historic Status: MACRIS listed, National Register District (NRD), National Register (MRA)

Petition Purpose:

- Install vinyl siding

BDDW Constructive Grant Deadline: September 6, 2019

Upon a motion by Commissioner Conroy and seconded by Commissioner Theerman, the Commission voted 6-0 to continue the Building Demolition Delay Waiver application to the September 19, 2019 Historical Commission meeting and to extend the Constructive Grant Deadline to October 4, 2019.

2. 74-76 Granite Street – HC-2019-039 (MBL 35-26c-000I)

Petitioner: Teddy Gantias
Year Built: c1918
Historic Status: MACRIS listed

Petition Purpose:

- Repair front porch
- Repair roof
- Remove and replace gutters
- Work on flashing

BDDW Constructive Grant Deadline: September 6, 2019

Upon a motion by Commissioner Conroy and seconded by Commissioner Theerman, the Commission voted 6-0 to continue the Building Demolition Delay Waiver application to the October 3, 2019 Historical Commission meeting and to extend the Constructive Grant Deadline to October 18, 2019.

NEW BUSINESS

Building Demolition Delay Waiver

3. 4 Diamond Street – HC-2019-061 (MBL 05-031-19+50)

Petitioner: Solstice V. Properties, Inc.
Year Built: c1888
Historic Status: MACRIS listed, fka Catherine Loftus Three-Decker

Petition Purpose:

- Replace house roof
- Replace damaged wood, roof, and windows of garage

BDDW Constructive Grant Deadline: September 20, 2019

Upon a motion by Commissioner Conroy and seconded by Commissioner Theerman, the Commission voted 6-0 to continue the Building Demolition Delay Waiver application to the September 19, 2019 Historical Commission meeting and to extend the Constructive Grant Deadline to October 4, 2019

4. 64-68 West Boylston Street- HC-2019-064 (MBL 13-026-00010)

Petitioner: Trichome Health Corporation
Year Built: c1920
Historic Status: MACRIS listed, Thomas Lakin Block

Petition Purpose:

- Remove brick for installation of new doors/windows
- Replace existing aluminum storefront

BDDW Constructive Grant Deadline: September 30, 2019

Upon a motion by Commissioner Conroy and seconded by Commissioner Theerman, the Commission voted 6-0 to continue the Building Demolition Delay Waiver application to the September 19, 2019 Historical Commission meeting, and to extend the Constructive Grant Deadline to October 4, 2019.

5. 45 Mason Street– HC-2019-062 (MBL 06-019-00008)

Petitioner: Elisangela Silva
Year Built: c1890
Historic Status: MACRIS listed

Petition Purpose:

- Remove and replace porch

BDDW Constructive Grant Deadline: September 27, 2019

Jonathan Guadron appeared upon behalf of the application. Mr. Guadron stated that he needs to replace the porch as it is not safe, but will keep the decorative brackets.

The Commission and the applicant discussed the required height of the railings to meet ADA requirements.

No public comment

Upon a motion by Commissioner Theerman and seconded by Commissioner Conroy, the Commission voted 6-0 to close the public hearing.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Conroy and seconded by Commissioner Theerman, the Commission voted 6-0 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 with condition that the decorative brackets will be preserved.

Exhibit A: Building Demolition Delay Waiver application dated August 16, 2019, received August 16, 2019

6. 4 King Street– HC-2019-063 (MBL 06-026-00063)

Petitioner: Stone Soup
Year Built: c1886
Historic Status: MACRIS listed, Edwin H. Wood House

Petition Purpose:

- Demolition of rear garage roof and rebuild new per architectural plans
- Install 6 in “K-style gutters on top rear roof
- Paint front and side stairs and railings

BDDW Constructive Grant Deadline: September 30, 2019

Irving Espinosa from Stone Stoup appeared upon behalf of the application. Mr. Espinosa stated that the garage in the back is in poor condition, and that the owners have raised enough funds to demolish the existing garage and put up a new garage.

Mr. Espinosa stated that they will be installing new gutters on the main house to help with drainage, and the gutters will not be visible from the public way.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Theerman and seconded by Commissioner Conroy, the Commission voted 6-0 to close the public hearing.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Conroy and seconded by Commissioner Kurtz, the Commission voted 6-0 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 August 16, 2019, received August 16, 2019

COMMUNICATIONS

- a. MassDOT Communication re: Restoration of Two Additional Worcester Markers, dated August 15, 2019 and received August 19, 2019 – No comment

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Commissioner Theerman and seconded by Commissioner Conroy, the Commission voted 6-0 to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 PM.