



# City of Worcester Historical Commission Meeting Agenda

~~Thursday, March 5, 2020 – CANCELED~~  
**ALL ITEMS POSTPONED TO MARCH 19, 2020**

Worcester City Hall  
Levi Lincoln Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 455 Main Street, 5:30 PM

## Commission Members

Mark Wamback, Chair  
Devon Kurtz, Vice-Chair  
Randolph Bloom  
Diane Long  
Tomi Stefani  
Janet Theerman  
Erika Helnarski, Alternate  
Cathryn Jerome-Mezynski, Alternate

## Contacting the Board's Office

Division of Planning and Regulatory Services serves as the Board's staff.

**Address:** City Hall, 455 Main St, Room 404, Worcester, MA 01608  
**Hours:** M to F, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm  
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## Decisions

Typically, the Board signs decisions at its next regularly scheduled meeting and files its decision the next day. In the case of *Demolition Delay Waiver*, a copy of the decision will be available at the Board's Office. In the case of *Certificate of Appropriateness*, once the twenty day appeal period has expired, the applicant must obtain a certified copy of the decision from the City Clerk.

## Our Mission

### Planning & Regulatory Services

To provide credible, timely, and accessible data and analysis for decision-making and problem solving for land and programmatic development.

## Division Staff

Stephen Rolle, ACDO  
Michelle Smith, Chief Planner  
Amanda Molina Dumas, Senior Planner  
Gabrielle Weiss, Senior Planner  
Timothy Gilbert, Planning Analyst  
Michelle Johnstone, Preservation Planner  
Stefanie Covino, Conservation Planner  
Brian Pigeon, Sr. Transportation Planner  
Deborah Steele, Principal Staff Assistant  
Ariel Lim, Staff Assistant

## Upcoming Meetings

March 19, 2020  
April 2, 2020  
April 16, 2020  
April 30, 2020  
May 14, 2020  
May 28, 2020  
June 11, 2020

## CALL COMMISSION TO ORDER – 5:30 PM

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES – FEBRUARY 6, 2020; FEBRUARY 20, 2020.

## OLD BUSINESS

### 1. 9 Oxford Street – HC-2019-071 (MBL 03-025-00004)

Petitioner: Helen & Don Pham  
Year Built: 1891  
Historic Status: MACRIS listed; National Register Determination of Eligibility (DOE); National Register District (NRDIS); Local Historic District (LHD); State Register (SR), FKA Salem Griggs House

#### Petition Purpose:

- Replace windows (retroactive)

*BDDW Constructive Grant Deadline: March 20, 2020*

### 2. 126 Water Street – HC-2020-016 (MBL 04-022-00006)

Petitioner: Jean-Luc Wittner  
Year Built: ca. 1910  
Historic Status: MACRIS listed, FKA Lewis Goldstein Apartment House  
Petition Purpose:

- Remove the neon sign

*BDDW Constructive Grant Deadline: March 20, 2020*

## NEW BUSINESS

### Building Demolition Delay Waiver

### 3. 218 Shrewsbury Street – HC-2020-021 (MBL 16-016-00038)

Petitioner: James Cunningham  
Year Built: 1925  
Historic Status: MACRIS listed, FKA M.H. Laipson and Company Dairy

#### Petition Purpose:

- Replace or add 6 architecturally similar windows to the façade
- Replace two overhead doors with glass entrances and fieldstone on east elevation of rear addition
- Insert one 4'x8' window on the second floor of the north (rear) elevation of the rear addition
- **Work is partially retroactive**

*BDDW Constructive Grant Deadline: March 20, 2020*

### 4. 154 Main Street – HC-2020-022 (MBL 02-028-16+21)

Petitioner: Hugh Meehan  
Year Built: 1831  
Historic Status: MACRIS listed; National Register listed individually and in the Worcester Multiple Resource Area (MRA), FKA Elwood Adams Hardware Store

#### Petition Purpose:

- Restore brick, granite, and mortar, restore exterior signage
- Replace existing windows

- Restore cornice detailing and install copper flashing at coping
- Remove and replace existing gutters & downspouts
- Replace docking doors with replicas
- Restore storefronts, panels & entrances
- Add new precast caps at parapet wall

*BDDW Constructive Grant Deadline: March 29, 2020*

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**5. 179 Shrewsbury Street – HC-2020-023 (MBL 16-033-001+7)**

- Petitioner: Theresa Travaglio  
 Year Built: 1925  
 Historic Status: MACRIS listed, FKA Reliable Auto Radiator Company  
 Petition Purpose:
- Replace front door
  - Open windows on side of building to create opening for patio space
  - Remove awning on side of building
  - **Work is retroactive**

*BDDW Constructive Grant Deadline: March 29, 2020*

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**COMMUNICATIONS**

- Letter from the MHC regarding the issuance of comments from the MHC for the pending Worcester Boy’s Club National Register Nomination
- Letter from the MHC to the Massachusetts Architectural Access Board regarding their support for a variance for the YWCA of Worcester property at One Salem Square
- Letter from the MHC regarding the issuance of comments from the MHC for the pending Worcester County YWCA Building County National Register Nomination
- MHC comments on Worcester Historical Commission CLG opinions

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- Discussion of Building Demolition Delay Procedures
- Information for Worcester Preservation Awards
- Information for Green Worcester Open House

**ADJOURNMENT**