



City of Worcester Historical Commission Meeting Agenda

Thursday, September 3, 2020, 6:00 PM*

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Commission Members

Mark Wamback, Chair
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Division of Planning and Regulatory Services serves as the Board's staff.

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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
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Michelle Johnstone, Preservation Planner
Stefanie Covino, Conservation Planner
Brian Pigeon, Sr. Transportation Planner
Deborah Steele, Principal Staff Assistant
Ariel Lim, Staff Assistant

Upcoming Meetings

September 17, 2020
October 1, 2020
October 15, 2020
October 29, 2020
November 12, 2020
December 3, 2020
December 17, 2020

*Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 23, 2020 Order, as amended, imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Worcester Historical Commission will be conducted via **remote participation**.

The meeting will be livestreamed from the City Website at www.worcesterma.gov/video-on-demand and may be broadcast on the local government cable channel (Spectrum Channel 192). While no in-person attendance will be permitted, every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings. In addition, a video recording and meeting minutes will be posted at www.worcesterma.gov after the meeting.

To participate during the public comment portion of the meeting, please call 415-655-0001 (Access Code: 1608081191). If you have difficulty accessing the call, please e-mail planning@worcesterma.gov.

Application materials may be viewed on the City Website at <http://www.worcesterma.gov/planning-regulatory/boards/historical-commission>. For more information concerning this meeting or to **submit written comments** in advance of the hearing, please contact the Planning Division by email (preferred) at planning@worcesterma.gov or phone at (508) 799-1400 x 31440. Submission of comments in advance of the hearing is strongly encouraged.

CALL COMMISSION TO ORDER – 6:00 PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – AUGUST 20, 2020

OLD BUSINESS

Certificate of Appropriateness

1. **220 Salisbury Street – HC-2020-038 (MBL 20-007-0030A)**

Petitioner: Erjona Mehillaj
Year Built: 1952
Historic Status: MACRIS listed; State Register of Historic Places (SR), within the Montvale Local Historic District (LHD)

Petition Purpose:

- Redesign front exterior concrete stairs and front walkway (retroactive)

2. **24 Crown Street – HC-2020-058 (MBL 03-024-00021)**

Petitioner: Joseph Aquino o/b/o Thomas Aquino
Year Built: 1866
Historic Status: MACRIS listed; State Register of Historic Places (SR); National Register of Historic Places District (NRDIS); National Register Multiple Resource Area (NRMRA), within the Crown Hill Local Historic District (LHD), FKA Elijah Flagg Brooks House #2 and the Trinity Hall – First Methodist Church Hall

Petition Purpose:

- Demolish stone wall and install new retaining wall

NEW BUSINESS

Building Demolition Delay Waiver

3. 60 Elm Street – HC-2020-059 (MBL 03-28F-60-12)

Petitioner: Scott Doughman
Year Built: ca. 1936
Historic Status: MACRIS listed, FKA Elm Manor Apartments

Petition Purpose:

- Replacement of existing wood windows with vinyl windows.

4. 16 Greenwood Street – HC-2020-060 (MBL 10-024-00007)

Petitioner: Rebecca Rafferty
Year Built: ca. 1898
Historic Status: MACRIS listed, FKA Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Petition Purpose:

- Install 3 antennas
- Install an exhaust blower in the steeple
- Replace louvers in steeple

5. 517 Main Street – HC-2020-061 (MBL 03-013-00002)

Petitioner: MG2 Group
Year Built: ca. 1870
Historic Status: MACRIS listed, FKA Cheney-Ballard Building

Petition Purpose:

- Façade restoration
- Install new historically appropriate windows
- Install new storefront
- Install new egress stairs

6. 140 Lincoln Street – HC-2020-063 (MBL 09-001-00014)

Petitioner: Caroline Bigelow
Year Built: ca. 1774
Historic Status: MACRIS listed, National Register of Historic Places (NRIND), FKA Timothy Paine House

Petition Purpose:

- Replace deteriorated wood and masonry elements with in-kind materials where repair is not feasible

Certificate of Appropriateness

7. 258 Pleasant Street – HC-2020-062 (MBL 03-026-00007)

Petitioner: Steven McElwee
Year Built: ca. 1855
Historic Status: Within the Crown Hill Local Historic District (LHD)

Petition Purpose:

- Replace three-tab asphalt shingle roof with architectural shingle in color pristine pewter

8. 41 Chatham Street – HC-2020-064 (MBL 03-18A-P1-U1)

Petitioner: Chatham Condominium Trust
Year Built: ca. 1918
Historic Status: Within the Crown Hill Local Historic District (LHD); National Register Determination of Eligibility (NRDOE)

Petition Purpose:

- Repoint masonry

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Comments from the MHC regarding the MHC's support of an MAAB variance at the Stamps Factory Lofts (AKA Torrey Razor Company) at 128 Chandler Street.

OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Discussion regarding Demolition Delay Ordinance Revisions and Commission Regulations, Policies & Procedures.