



City of Worcester Historical Commission Meeting Agenda

Thursday, November 12, 2020, 5:30 PM*

To participate, please call 415-655-0001 (Access Code: 1608081191)

Commission Members

Mark Wamback, Chair
Kurtz, Vice-Chair
Randolph Bloom
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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

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Upcoming Meetings

December 3, 2020
December 17, 2020
January 7, 2021
January 21, 2021
February 4, 2021
February 18, 2021
March 4, 2021
March 18, 2021
April 1, 2021
April 15, 2021

*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 – 5:30 PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – OCTOBER 29, 2020

NEW BUSINESS

Certificate of Non-Applicability

1. 2 Congress Street – HC-2020-087 (MBL 03-026-00035)

Petitioner: Randolph R. Bloom
Year Built: 1856
Historic Status: MACRIS listed; State Register of Historic Places (SR); National Register Determination of Eligibility (NRDOE); National Register District (NRDIS); Preservation Restriction (PR); Local Historic District (LHD), FKA the Walter Daniels House, and Lyman J. Taft – Thomas C. Carroll House

Petition Purpose:

- Install a 27" vent pipe out a cellar window on the side of house, behind a bay, along with a small sign as required by code.

Certificate of Appropriateness

2. 24 Crown Street – HC-2020-080 (MBL 03-024-00021)

Petitioner: Thomas Aquino
Year Built: 1866
Historic Status: MACRIS listed; State Register of Historic Places (SR); National Register District (NRDIS); National Register Multiple Resource Area (NRMRA); Local Historic District (LHD), FKA the Elijah F. & Mercy W. Brooks House & Trinity Hall – First Methodist Church Hall

Petition Purpose:

- Replace existing asphalt driveway with permeable driveway

Building Demolition Delay Waiver

3. 37 Somerset Street – HC-2020-079 (MBL 02-041-00002)

Petitioner: Madazus Home Improvement Corp. o/b/o Intellectual Properties, LLC
Year Built: 1932
Historic Status: MACRIS listed; positive National Register Determination of Eligibility
Petition Purpose:

- Replace all original windows with new aluminum-clad wood windows with grid patterns to match

4. 104 Vernon Street – HC-2020-082 (MBL 05-036-00019)

Petitioner: Mary Fierro
Year Built: ca. 1880
Historic Status: MACRIS listed, FKA the George L. Robbins House
Petition Purpose:

- Replace all second-story windows with new aluminum-clad wood windows with grid patterns to match
- Replace all south-facing first-story windows with new aluminum-clad wood windows with grid patterns to match

5. 124 Russell Street – HC-2020-083 (MBL 02-047-00055)

Petitioner: Jerris Lee o/b/o Kenneth Harling
Year Built: ca. 1924
Historic Status: MACRIS listed
Petition Purpose:

- Remove and replace three structural columns on front porch and replace with new composite columns
- Remove and replace porch boards with new, tongue and groove mahogany porch boards

6. 670 West Boylston Street – HC-2020-084 (MBL 23-019-00002)

Petitioner: Steve VanDyke, Nault Architects o/b/o Steve Holmes, Quinsigamond Community College
Year Built: 1906 – 1946
Historic Status: MACRIS listed; positive National Register Determination of Eligibility, FKA Assumption College Preparatory School
Petition Purpose:

- Reconstruct front stairs using mostly original materials to allow for stabilization and installation of handicap ramp

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Notice from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) of Section 106 Filing for 55 Union Street.

OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Announcement of date of Worcester Preservation Awards, to be held virtually on December 10, 2020 at 5:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT