



# City of Worcester Historical Commission Meeting Agenda

Thursday, January 7, 2021, 5:30 PM\*

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## Commission Members

Mark Wambach, Chair  
Devon Kurtz, Vice-Chair  
Randolph Bloom  
Diane Long  
Tomi Stefani  
Janet Theerman  
Erika Helnarski, Alternate

## Contacting the Board's Office

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  
Amanda Molina Dumas, Senior Planner  
Stephen Cary, 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

January 21, 2021  
February 4, 2021  
February 18, 2021  
March 4, 2021  
March 18, 2021  
April 1, 2021  
April 15, 2021  
April 29, 2021  
May 13, 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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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 – DECEMBER 17, 2020

## NEW BUSINESS

### Building Demolition Delay Waiver

#### 1. **20–22 Bowdoin Street – HC-2020-094 (MBL 02-033-12+49)**

Petitioner: Scott Goddard  
Year Built: 1877  
Historic Status: MACRIS listed, FKA George Kendall Double House  
Petition Purpose:

- Repair, or replace in-kind where needed, elements of the soffits, gable ends, and rear porch system

#### 2. **1059 Main Street – HC-2020-096 (MBL 08-037-0005E)**

Petitioner: Janelle Wilson o/b/o Jeremiah's Inn  
Year Built: ca. 1859  
Historic Status: MACRIS listed; Positive National Register Opinion of Eligibility, FKA the Elmwood Hotel  
Petition Purpose:

- Remove the existing wood clapboard siding and water table and replace with vinyl siding
- Repair fascia, corner boards and window and door trim and wrap with aluminum
- Repair soffits and install vinyl soffit on main block; beaded soffit on porch
- Replace dentils and brackets along façade cornice and replace with vinyl or PVC replicas
- Replace gutters and downspouts

### Certificate of Appropriateness & Building Demolition Delay Waiver

#### 3. **19 Oxford Street – HC-2020-094 (MBL 02-033-12+49)**

Petitioner: Jennifer Lachambre  
Year Built: 1856  
Historic Status: MACRIS listed; State Register of Historic Places (SR); National Register District (NRDIS); Positive National Register Opinion of Eligibility; Crown Hill LHD, FKA Elijah F. Brooks House #1 – Worcester Society of Friends Parish House  
Petition Purpose:

- Replace 6 windows with grilles-between-glass Fibrex windows with grid patterns and color to match existing

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. Request from VHB for an updated letter of support for state tax credit allocations for the Joseph R. Torrey Razor and Strop Company, 128 Chandler Street.
- B. Request from Anser Advisory, LLC, for an updated letter of support for state tax credit allocations for the Worcester YWCA, 1 Salem Square.
- C. Communication from the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), conveying the MHC's inability to concur with the FAA's finding of "No Historic Properties Affected" in regards to the proposed demolition of two hangars at the Worcester Regional Airport.
- D. Postcard from MHC announcing the 2021 round of the Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund (MPPF).

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- A. Election of Commission officers.

### **ADJOURNMENT**