



# City of Worcester Historical Commission Meeting Agenda

Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 5:30 PM

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## Commission Members

Devon Kurtz, Chair  
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Janet Theerman, Clerk  
Randolph Bloom  
Tomi Stefani  
Mark Wamback  
Erika Helnarski, Alternate  
Steven Taylor, Alternate

## Contacting the Board's Office

Division of Planning and Regulatory Services  
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## Decisions

Typically, the Commission signs decisions at its next regularly scheduled meeting and files its decision the next day. In the case of a *Demolition Delay Waiver*, a copy of the decision will be available at the Commission's Office. In the case of a *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  
Stephen Cary, Planning Analyst  
Michelle Johnstone, Preservation Planner  
Brian Pigeon, Sr. Transportation Planner  
Deborah Steele, Principal Staff Assistant  
Susan Daly, Staff Assistant

## Upcoming Meetings

January 27, 2022  
February 10, 2022  
February 24, 2022  
March 10, 2022  
March 24, 2022  
April 7, 2022  
April 21, 2022  
May 5, 2022  
May 19, 2022  
June 2, 2022  
June 16, 2022  
June 30, 2022  
July 14, 2022  
July 28, 2022

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To participate during the public comment portion of the meeting, you may:

- Use the following link to join the meeting via computer <https://cow.webex.com/meet/historicalcommissionwebex>
- Call 415-655-0001 (Access Code: 160 808 1191) for the Historical Commission.

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, to request a reasonable accommodation or interpretation, 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. Note: interpretation requests must be received no later than 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

**CALL COMMISSION TO ORDER – 5:30 PM**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 12/09/2021, 12/16/2021**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Building Demolition Delay Waiver**

#### **1. 40 Plantation Street – HC-2021-065 (MBL 18-008-00005)**

Petitioner: Bill Randell  
Year Built: 1894  
Historic Status: MACRIS listed, FKA Pierre Fontaine – Joseph Coudu House

Petition Purpose:

- Replace roof

#### **2. 136 Plantation Street – HC-2021-066 (MBL 18-017-00019)**

Petitioner: Nick Oliveri  
Year Built: ca. 1717  
Historic Status: MACRIS listed, State Register of Historic Places, National Register of Historic Places, National Register Multiple Resource Area

Petition Purpose:

- Replace roof

3. **60 (#60-C) Elm Street – HC-2021-067 (MBL 03-28F-60-07)**  
Petitioner: Scott Doughman o/b/o William Roberts  
Year Built: ca. 1936  
Historic Status: MACRIS listed, FKA Elm Manor Apartments  
Petition Purpose:  
• Replace windows

4. **3 Harvard Place – HC-2021-068 (MBL 02-027-04+05)**  
Petitioner: Steven Taylor, Trustee of October Realty Trust  
Year Built: ca. 1874  
Historic Status: MACRIS listed, FKA Charles H. Bowker House  
Petition Purpose:  
• Install new windows  
• Selectively replace bricks  
• Replace headers  
• Install a roof over an exterior entry door  
• Remove and replace a non-copacetic box enclosure on rear

**Certificate of Appropriateness & Building Demolition Delay Waiver**

5. **21 Crown Street – HC-2021-069 (MBL 03-023-09+10)**  
Petitioner: Stephanie Page of Abby's House  
Year Built: ca. 1855  
Historic Status: MACRIS listed, State Register of Historic Places, National Register District, National Register Multiple Resource Area, Crown Hill LHD, FKA Carter Whitcomb Double House  
Petition Purpose:  
• Install a handicap ramp  
• Remove non-historic side stairs  
• Repoint masonry  
• Demolish garage, construct a shed in its place  
• Build rear addition  
• Expand parking area

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. Communication from the MHC notifying Nicole Benjamin-Ma of VHB of the upcoming consideration of National Register eligibility of the Indian Hill School by the MHC.  
B. Communication from the MHC notifying Nicole Benjamin-Ma of VHB of the upcoming consideration of National Register eligibility of the Main and Franklin Streets Historic District by the MHC.  
C. Request from Meagan Goddard of The Architectural Team, Inc., for a letter of support for a Preservation Massachusetts preservation award.  
D. Communication from the MHC notifying the Worcester Historical Commission of a positive National Register Determination of Eligibility for the YWCA of Worcester.  
E. Communication from the MHC notifying Christine Proffitt, Senior Manager of Institutional Giving at the Worcester Art Museum of a finding of “no adverse effect” regarding proposed improvements to the 1968/1970 addition to the museum.  
F. Postcard from the MHC notifying the Commission of Round 28 of the Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund (MPPF).  
G. Request from VHB for updated letter of support for Massachusetts Rehabilitation Tax Credit allocation for Torrey Razor & Strop Company building, 128 Chandler Street.  
H. Notification of MHC concurrence with CLG positive opinion of eligibility for proposed National Register Main, Front and Mechanic Streets Historic District.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- A. Vote on a letter of support for matching grant funding for the development of design review guidelines through the Massachusetts Historical Commission Survey & Planning Grant Program.  
B. Commission officer annual elections.

**ADJOURNMENT**