



City of Worcester Historical Commission Meeting Agenda

Thursday, March 28, 2024, 5:30 PM

Worcester City Hall, Levi Lincoln Chamber,

3rd Floor, Room 309, 455 Main Street

Commission Members

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Hay disponibles servicios de interpretación y otras adaptaciones con solicitud previa.

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Interpretação e outras adaptações estão disponíveis mediante solicitação prévia.

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Phiên dịch và các hỗ trợ khác có sẵn theo yêu cầu trước.

Division Staff

Michelle Smith, Assistant Chief Development Officer
Victor Panak, Chief Planner
Michelle Johnstone, Sr. Preservation Planner
Eric Flint, Conservation Planner
Rose Russell, Senior Planner
Andreana Brenner, Planning Analyst
Olivia Holden, Planning Analyst
Mattie VandenBoom, Planning Analyst
Amy Beth Laythe, Administrative Assistant

Upcoming Meetings

April 11, 2024
May 2, 2024
May 16, 2024
May 30, 2024
June 13, 2024
June 27, 2024
July 11, 2024
July 25, 2024

This Worcester Historical Commission meeting will be held in-person at the date, time, and location listed above. Meeting attendees will additionally have the option to participate remotely by joining online:

- Use the following link to join the meeting via computer:
<https://cityofworchester.webex.com/meet/historicalcommissionwebex>

OR

- Call 1-844-621-3956 (Access Code: 26326367009) for the Historical Commission.

Note: If technological problems interrupt the virtual meeting component, the meeting will continue in-person.

Application materials may be viewed on the City Website at <http://www.worcesterma.gov/planning-regulatory/boards/historical-commission>.

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CALL COMMISSION TO ORDER – 5:30 PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MARCH 14, 2024

OLD BUSINESS

BUILDING DEMOLITION DELAY WAIVER

1. 56 Blackstone River Road (10-024-00031) – BDDW-24-5

Petitioner:	Charles Wilmot o/b/o Ellen Coffie
Year Built:	ca. 1900
Historic Status:	MACRIS district
Petition Purpose:	Install ramp, Replace doors & windows.

**CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS & BUILDING DEMOLITION
DELAY WAIVER**

2. 160 Russell Street (02-041-00058) – COA-24-3

Petitioner:	Anthony Linn
Year Built:	1923
Historic Status:	MACRIS, State Register of Historic Places, Local Historic District, FKA Arnold J. Booth House
Petition Purpose:	Replace windows & exterior trim (retroactive)

NEW BUSINESS

CERTIFICATE OF NON-APPLICABILITY

3. 88 Sagamore Road (02-002-00005) – CNA-24-5

Petitioner: Franco Larosa o/b/o Sean & Pamela Farren
Year Built: 1906
Historic Status: MACRIS listed, State Register of Historic Places, National Register of Historic Places (district & multiple resource area), Montvale Local Historic District, FKA the Joseph P. Cheney House
Petition Purpose: Replace roof.

BUILDING DEMOLITION DELAY WAIVER

4. 55 Salisbury Street (02-036-00096) – BDDW-24-9

Petitioner: Seth Wiseman o/b/o Worcester Art Museum
Year Built: 1898–1970 (multiple building campaigns)
Historic Status: MACRIS listed, State Register of Historic Places, National Register of Historic Places (district & multiple resource area), AKA Worcester Art Museum
Petition Purpose: Replace windows,
Conduct masonry repair and limited replacement.

5. 17 Mill Street (08-024-005-9) – BDDW-24-10

Petitioner: Edward Salloom, Jr., o/b/o Halfway River Realty, LLC
Year Built: 1947–1948
Historic Status: MACRIS listed, FKA Levi Hardy Knife Company Manufacturing Plant
Petition Purpose: Demolish the building/complex or substantial portions of it.

6. 45 Fremont Street (27-021-00001) – BDDW-24-11

Petitioner: Lawrence Guzzardi, o/b/o Shady Lane Associates, LLC
Year Built: Early 20th century
Historic Status: MACRIS district
Petition Purpose: Demolish the building.

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

7. 114 Austin Street (03-024-00002) – BDDW-24-10

Petitioner: Jesse Hilgenberg o/b/o Polar Views, LLC
Year Built: ca. 1863
Historic Status: MACRIS listed, State Register of Historic Places, National Register of Historic Places (district & multiple resource area), Crown Hill Local Historic District, FKA Rufus H. Chase House
Petition Purpose: Design changes to the building proposed to be constructed.

8. 122 Austin Street (06-006-00032) – BDDW-24-11

Petitioner: Worcester Common Ground
Year Built: N/A
Historic Status: Crown Hill Local Historic District
Petition Purpose: Replace existing playground equipment with new playground equipment.

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Request from Ryan, Inc. for updated letters of support for Massachusetts Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit projects at 35, 42, 47 & 50 Lagrange Street, 90 Grove Street, 98 Beacon Street, 660 Main Street, 55 Salisbury Street, 2 Ionic Ave, 1 Exchange Place, 134 Gold Street.
- B. Invitation from the Housing Division for comment on projects at 23 Ashton Street, 44 Greenhalge Street, 17 Angelo Street, 25 Camp Street, and 97 Dana Avenue (Section 106).

- C. Communication from the Massachusetts Historical Commission regarding award of FY 2024 Planning & Survey Grant to support the Worcester Historic Survey of Environmental Justice Neighborhoods.
- D. Communication from the Massachusetts Historical Commission regarding a positive determination of eligibility for the J.R. Torrey Razor Co. & J.R. Torrey & Co. Manufacturing Facility (126–128 Chandler Street) for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Status update – 100 Chandler Street.
- B. Presentation of Design Review Guidelines.

ADJOURNMENT