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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WORCESTER

Thursday, January 20, 2022

Webex online at https://cow.webex.com/meet/historicalncommissionwebex and call-in number 415-655-0001 (Access Code: 1608081191).

Commissioners Present: Diane Long, Vice-Chair

Janet Theerman, Clerk

Randolph Bloom Tomi Stefani

Erika Helnarski, Alternate Steven Taylor, Alternate

Commissioners Absent: Devon Kurtz, Chair

Staff Present: Michelle Johnstone, Division of Planning & Regulatory Services (DPRS)

Stephen S. Rolle, Division of Planning & Regulatory Services (DPRS)

The January 20, 2022 Historical Commission meeting was held remotely

Call Commission to Order - 5:30 PM

Other Business

A. Review of properties recommended for inclusion in the proposed Elm Park Local Historic District preliminary study report.

Ms. Johnstone gave an overview of the progress of the proposed Elm Park Local Historic District preliminary study report. She reviewed the boundaries that are being recommended for the proposed district and gave a brief explanation of why they were chosen. She explained that the intent of the meeting would be to review the integrity ratings of all of the properties within the proposed district, and described the rating system developed by staff.

Mr. Rolle stated that the intent of the meeting would essentially be to conduct a working session.

The Commission evaluated the properties in slides 5–113 in Exhibit A. They agreed with the recommendations of staff for most properties, but recommended the following amendments to ratings:

Address	Rating Recommended by Staff	Rating Recommended by Commission
93 Elm Street	Good	Fair
97 Elm Street	Good	Very Good
100 Elm Street	Very Good	Good
132 Elm Street	Fair	Good

146 Elm Street	Good	Commission recommended that staff take a deeper look into this property, given that although it is highly altered from its original design, its current design may now be historic in its own right
3 Marston Way	Good	Fair to Good
7 Marston Way	Fair to Good	Commission recommended that staff take a deeper look at this property to determine whether the property could be rated as "fair" or "good" or should stay "fair to good"
21 Roxbury Street	Good	Very Good
35-37 Roxbury Street	Good	Very Good
40 (AKA 38) Roxbury Street	Fair	Fair to Good

List of Exhibits

Exhibit A. Slide deck shown at meeting.

Adjournment

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 6-0 to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:58 p.m.

EXHIBIT A

WORCESTER HISTORICAL COMMISSION

January 20, 2022



Remote Participation Options

- To participate remotely during the public comment portion of the meeting, please call 415-655-0001 (Access Code: 160 808 1191). If you have difficulty accessing the call, please e-mail planning@worcesterma.gov.
- If you're participating via phone, you may mute, or unmute, your phone line by dialing *6 and you may raise, or lower, your hand by dialing *3.
- You may also join via WebEx at: https://cow.webex.com/meet/historicalcommissionwebex.

Rating Descriptions*

Excellent: No permanent, irreversible changes to historic core of building; no non-copacetic additions.

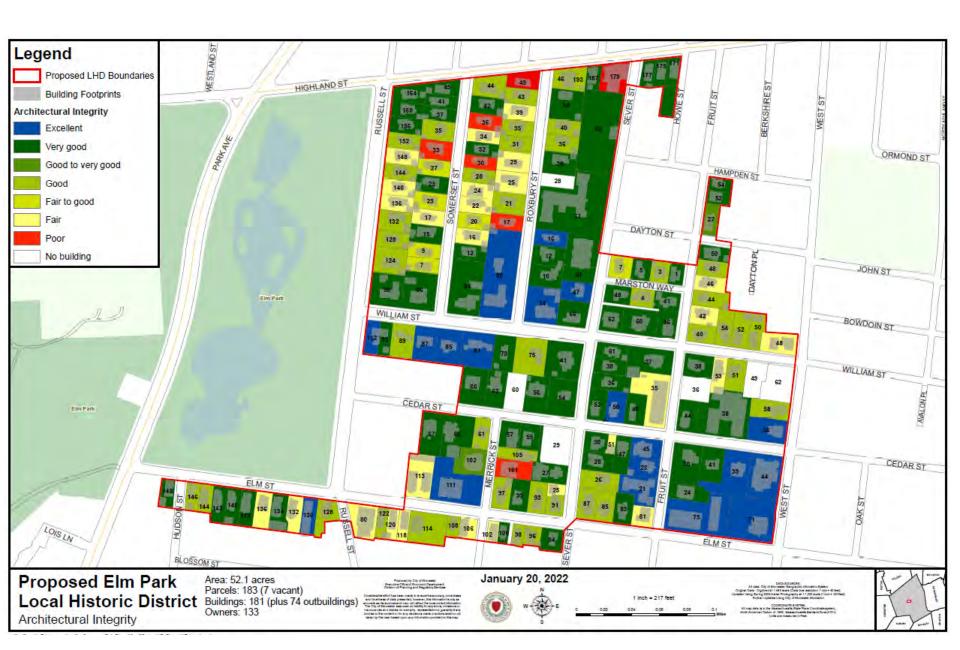
Very Good: Generally, buildings have experienced minimal alterations or alterations with aesthetically historically sensitive materials. Examples might include buildings with replaced porch supports, or one or two major exterior elements, like roof and/or windows, having been replaced while still retaining character-defining decorative features and at least one major exterior element, such as siding.

Good: Generally, buildings have experienced alterations up to and including replacement of siding, windows, and roof, while still being easily recognizable as a historic building of a particular style and retaining at least one original or historic exterior building element, such as lintels, cornice, etc.

Fair: Generally, buildings have had all exterior historic fabric replaced, but still are recognizable as a particular architectural style.

Poor: Generally altered beyond recognition.

*In addition to retention of original or historic fabric, condition of the building is also taken into consideration when assigning an appropriate rating.





5. 38 Cedar Street, looking north. Integrity rating: very good



6. 39 Cedar Street, looking southeast. Integrity rating: excellent



7. 41 Cedar Street, looking southeast. Integrity rating: very good



8. 44 Cedar Street, looking northwest. Integrity rating: very good



9. 45 Cedar Street, looking south. Integrity rating: excellent



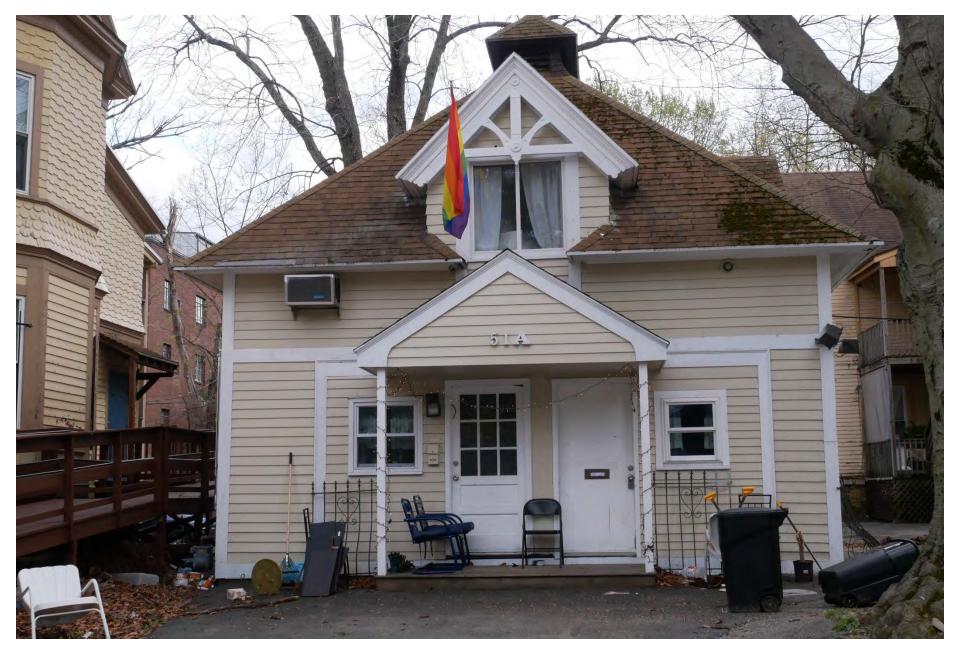
10. 47 Cedar Street, looking southwest. Integrity rating: very good



11. 48 Cedar Street, looking west. Integrity rating: very good



12. 50 Cedar Street, looking northwest. Integrity rating: excellent



13. 51A Cedar Street, looking south. Integrity rating: fair



14. 52 Cedar Street, looking north. Integrity rating: very good



15. 54 Cedar Street, northeast. Integrity rating: very good



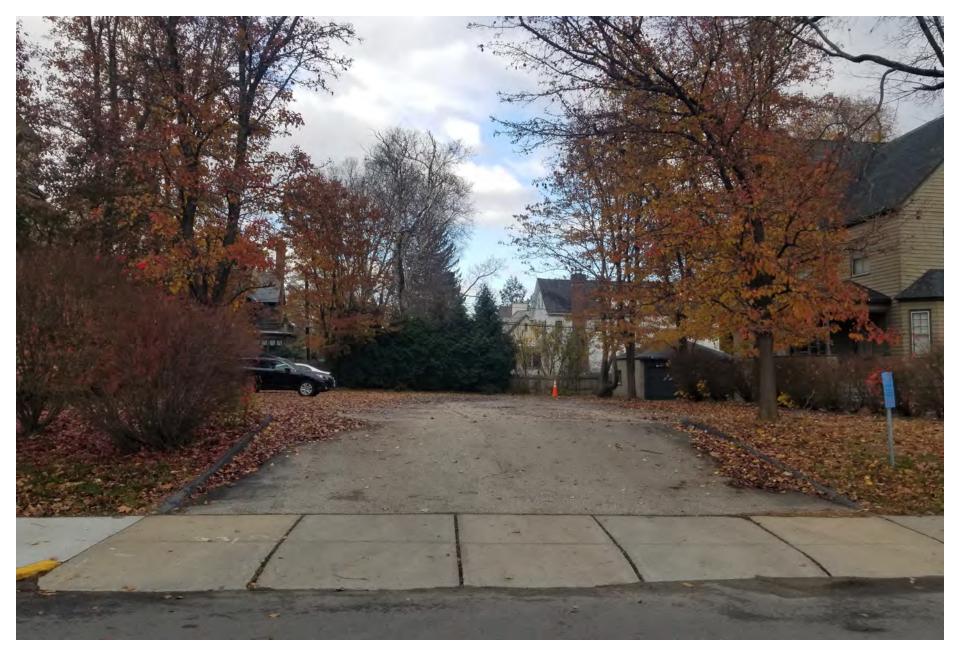
16. 55 Cedar Street, looking southwest. Integrity rating: very good



17. 56 Cedar Street, looking northwest. Integrity rating: very good



18. 57 Cedar Street, looking southeast. Integrity rating: very good



19. Parking lot at 60 Cedar Street, looking north. Integrity rating: N/A



20. 61 Cedar Street, looking southwest. Integrity rating: good



21. 62 Cedar Street, looking northwest. Integrity rating: very good



22. 64 Cedar Street, looking northwest. Integrity rating: very good



23. 65 Cedar Street, looking southwest. Integrity rating: very good



24. 67 Cedar Street, looking southwest. Integrity rating: very good



25. 22 Dayton Street, looking southeast. Integrity rating: good to very good



26. 71 Elm Street, northwest. Integrity rating: excellent



27. 75-77 Elm Street, looking northeast. Integrity rating: excellent



28. 81 Elm Street, looking northeast. Integrity rating: fair



29. 83 Elm Street, looking northwest. Integrity rating: very good



30. 85 Elm Street, looking northwest. Integrity rating: good



31. 87 Elm Street, looking northeast. Integrity rating: good



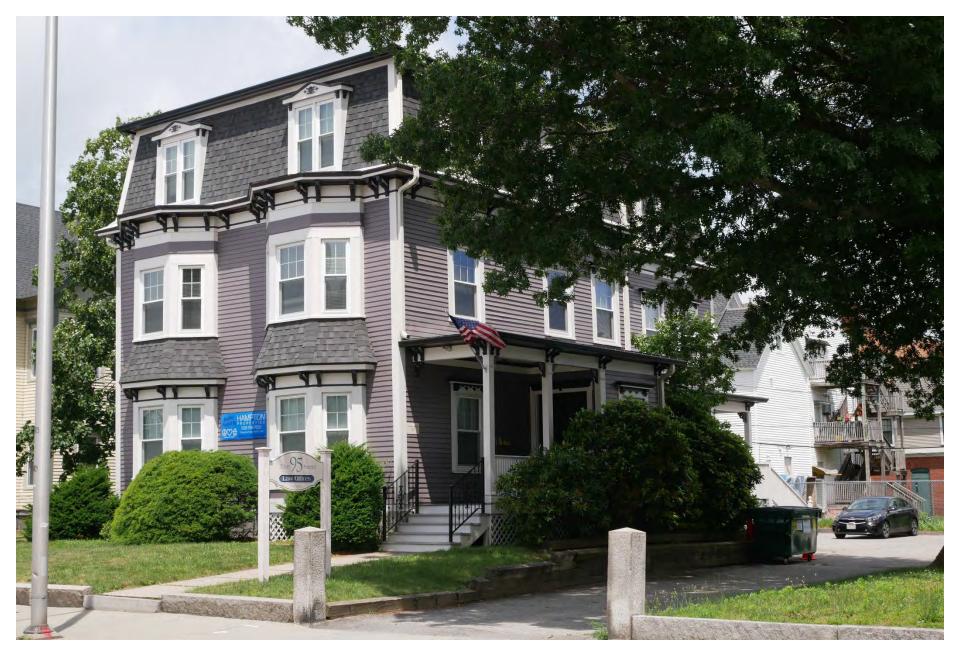
32. 91 Elm Street, looking northwest. Integrity rating: good



33. 93 Elm Street, looking northwest. Integrity rating: good



34. 94 Elm Street, looking southeast. Integrity rating: very good



35. 95 Elm Street, looking northwest. Integrity rating: very good



36. 96 Elm Street, looking northwest. Integrity rating: good



37. 97 Elm Street, looking northwest. Integrity rating: good



38. 98 Elm Street, looking southeast. Integrity rating: good



39. 100 Elm Street, looking southwest. Integrity rating: very good



40. 102 Elm Street, looking southeast. Integrity rating: fair



41. 106 Elm Street, looking southeast. Integrity rating: fair



42. 108 Elm Street, looking southeast. Integrity rating: good



43. 111 Elm Street, looking northeast. Integrity rating: excellent



44. 115–113 (L-R) Elm Street, looking northeast. Integrity rating: fair



45. 114 Elm Street, looking southeast. Integrity rating: good



46. 118 Elm Street, looking southeast. Integrity rating: fair



47. 120 Elm Street (R), looking southeast. Integrity rating: fair



48. 122 Elm Street, looking southeast. Integrity rating: good



49. 128 Elm Street, looking southwest. Integrity rating: good



50. 130 Elm Street, looking southeast. Integrity rating: excellent



51. 132 Elm Street, looking southeast. Integrity rating: fair



52. 134 Elm Street, looking southeast. Integrity rating: very good



53. 136 Elm Street, looking southeast. Integrity rating: fair



54. 138 Elm Street, looking southeast. Integrity rating: very good



55. 140 Elm Street, looking southwest. Integrity rating: very good



56. 142 (R) Elm Street, looking southeast. Integrity rating: very good



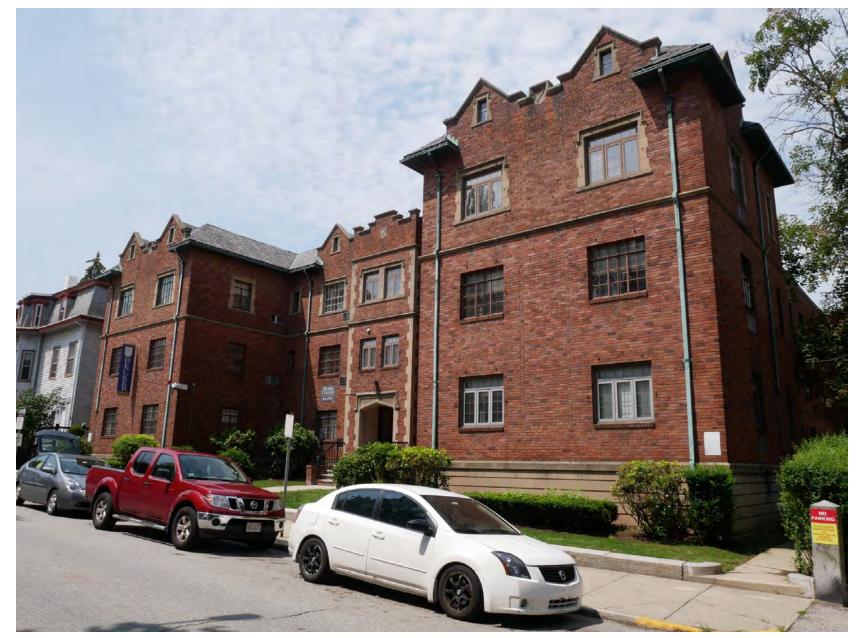
57. 144 Elm Street, looking southwest. Integrity rating: good



58. 146 Elm Street, looking southeast. Integrity rating: good



59. 148 Elm Street, looking south. Integrity rating: very good



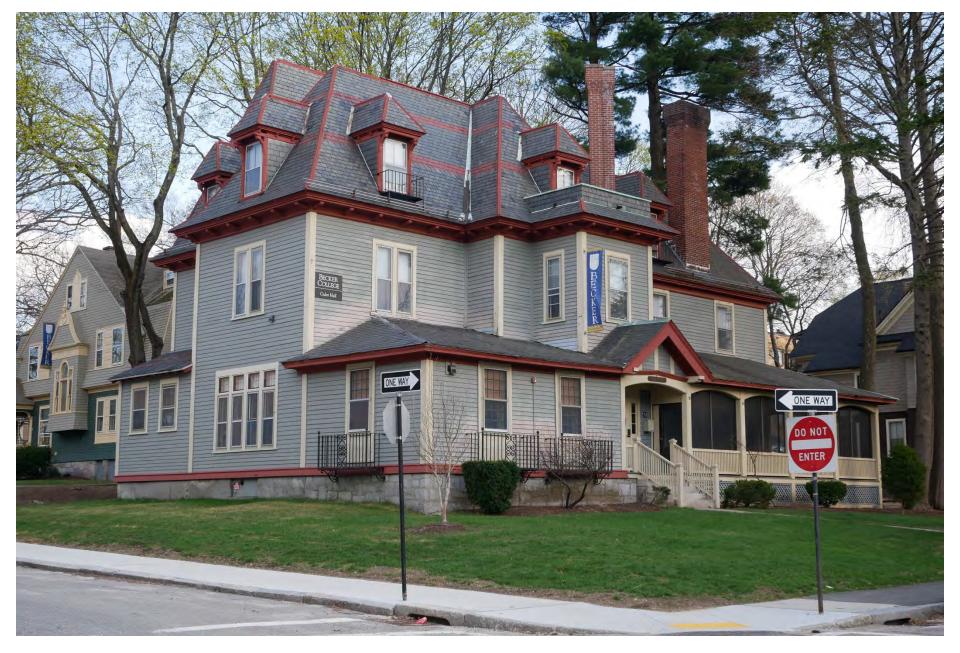
60. 21 Fruit Street, looking southwest. Integrity rating: excellent



61. 23 Fruit Street, looking southwest. Integrity rating: excellent



62. 24-26 Fruit Street, looking southeast. Integrity rating: very good



63. 30 Fruit Street, looking southeast. Integrity rating: very good



64. 35 Fruit Street, looking northwest. Integrity rating: fair



65. Parking lot at 36 Fruit Street, looking northeast. Integrity rating: N/A



66. 37 Fruit Street, looking northwest. Integrity rating: very good



67. 37 Fruit Street, Building 2, looking southwest. Integrity rating: poor



68. 38 Fruit Street, looking southeast. Integrity rating: very good



69. 40 Fruit Street, looking northeast. Integrity rating: good



70. 41 Fruit Street, looking northwest. Integrity rating: very good



71. 42 Fruit Street, looking northeast. Integrity rating: fair



72. 44 Fruit Street, looking northeast. Integrity rating: good



73. 46 Fruit Street, looking northeast. Integrity rating: fair



74. 48 Fruit Street, looking northeast. Integrity rating: good



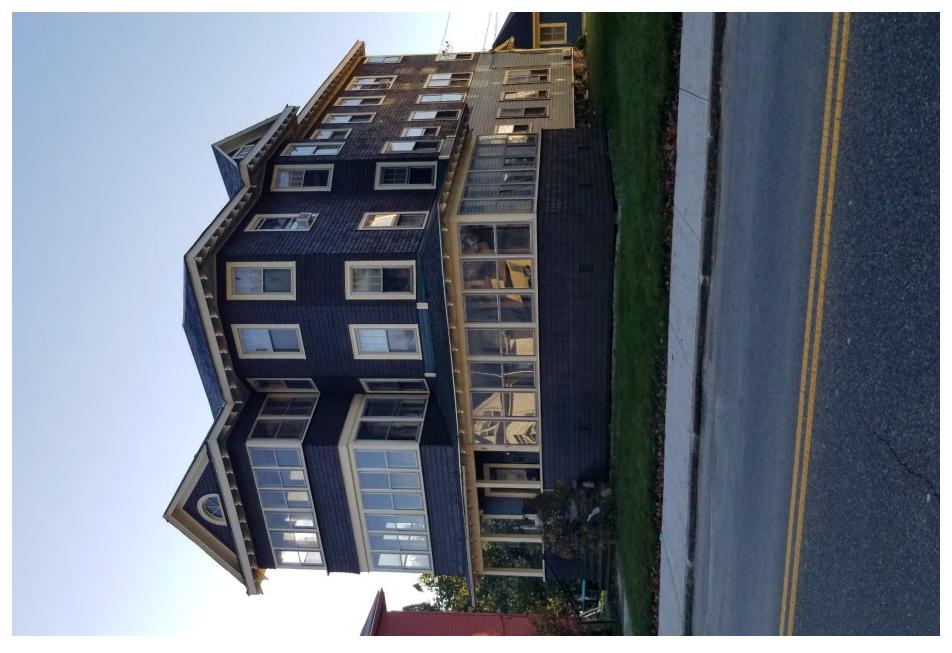
75. 50 Fruit Street, looking southeast. Integrity rating: very good



76. 52 Fruit Street, looking northeast. Integrity rating: very good



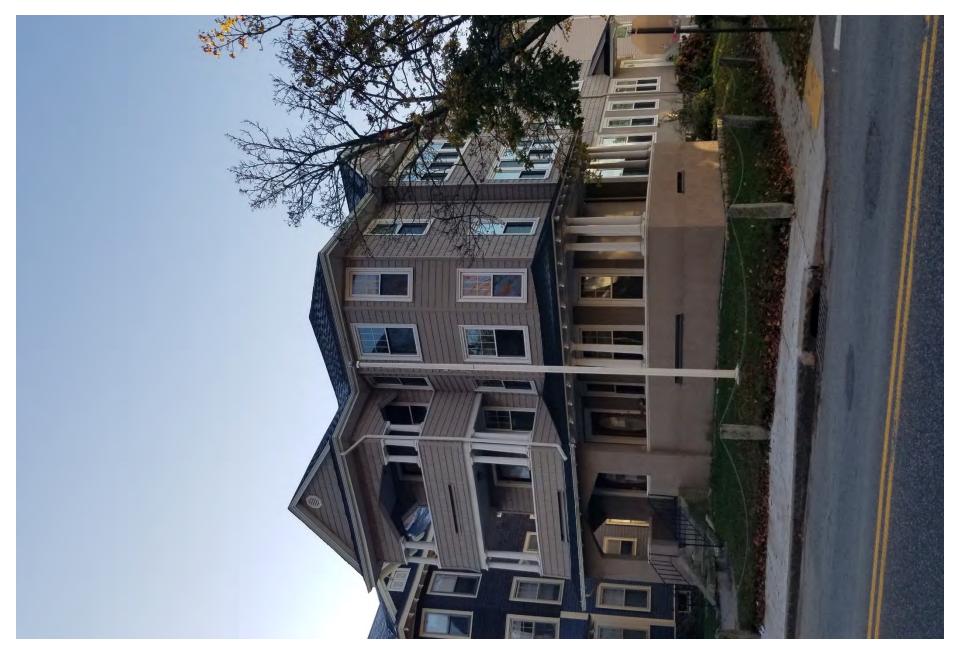
77. 54 Fruit Street, looking southeast. Integrity rating: very good



78. 171 Highland Street, looking southeast. Integrity rating: very good



79. 175 Highland Street, looking south. Integrity rating: very good



80. 177 Highland Street, looking southeast. Integrity rating: very good



81. 179–185 Highland Street, looking southeast. Integrity rating: poor



82. 179 Highland Street, looking southeast. Integrity rating: poor



83. 185 Highland Street, looking south. Integrity rating: poor



84. 187 Highland Street, looking southeast. Integrity rating: very good



85. 1 Marston Way, looking southwest. Integrity rating: very good



86. 3 Marston Way, looking northwest. Integrity rating: good



87. 4 Marston Way, looking northeast. Integrity rating: good



88. 5 Marston Way, looking northeast. Integrity rating: very good



89. 7 Marston Way, looking southeast. Integrity rating: Fair to good



90. 101-103 Merrick Street, looking southeast. Integrity rating: poor



91. 102-104 Merrick Street, looking southwest. Integrity rating: good to very good



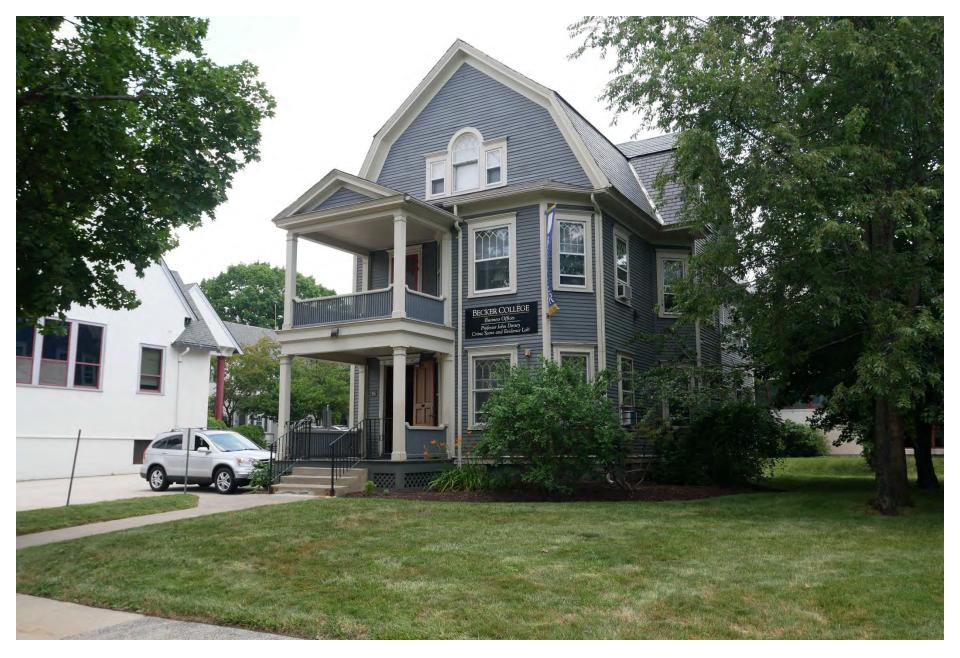
92. 105 Merrick Street, looking southeast. Integrity rating: good



93. 10 Roxbury Street, looking southeast. Integrity rating: good



94. 12 Roxbury Street, house and garage, looking northeast. Integrity rating: very good



95. 16 Roxbury Street, looking northeast. Integrity rating: excellent



96. 17 Roxbury Street, looking southwest. Integrity rating: poor



97. 21 Roxbury St, looking southwest. Integrity rating: good



98. 25 Roxbury Street, house and garage, looking northwest. Integrity rating: fair



99. 28 Roxbury Street, looking east. Integrity rating: N/A



100. 29 Roxbury Street, house and garage, looking southwest. Integrity rating: fair



101. 30 Roxbury Street, looking northeast. Integrity rating: very good



102. 31 Roxbury Street, house and garage, looking southwest. Integrity rating: good



103. 35-37 Roxbury Street, looking southwest. Integrity rating: good



104. 36 Roxbury Street, looking northeast. Integrity rating: good



105. 39 Roxbury Street, looking west. Integrity rating: fair



106. 40 (AKA 38) Roxbury Street, looking northeast. Integrity rating: good



107. 43 Roxbury Street, looking northwest. Integrity rating: good



108. 44 Roxbury Street, looking northeast Integrity rating: very good



109. 46 Roxbury Street, looking northeast. Integrity rating: good



110. 49 Roxbury Street, looking southwest. Integrity rating: poor



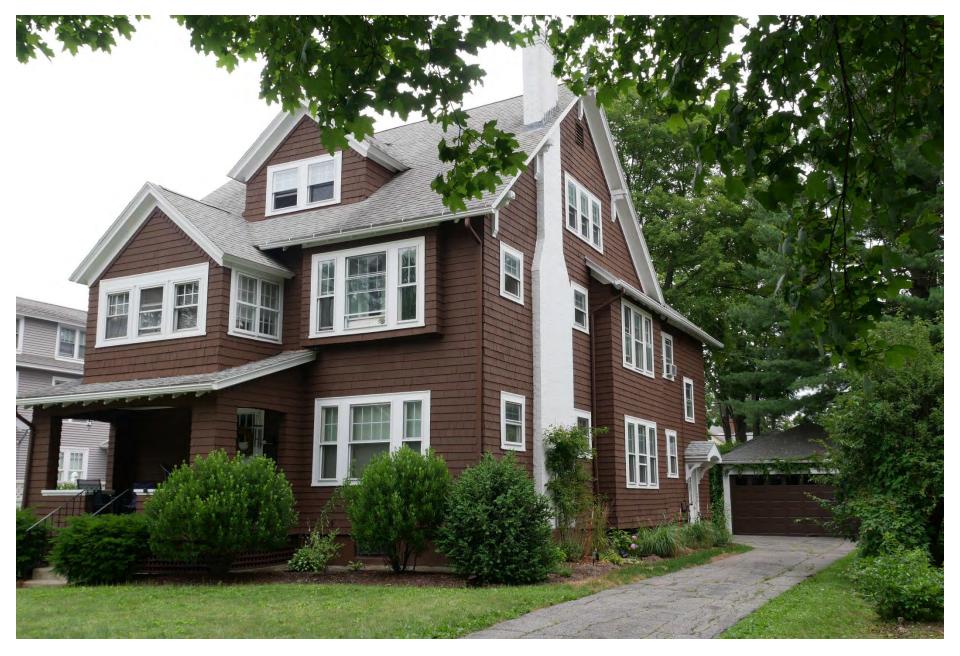
111. 80 Russell Street, looking southeast. Integrity rating: fair



112. 112 Russell Street, looking southeast. Integrity rating: excellent



113. 124 Russell Street, looking northeast. Integrity rating: good



114. 128 Russell Street, house and garage, looking northeast. Integrity rating: good



115. 132 Russell Street, house and garage, looking northeast. Integrity rating: good



116. 136 Russell Street house and garage, looking northeast. Integrity rating: fair



117. 140 Russell Street house and garage, looking northeast. Integrity rating: fair



118. 144 Russell Street house and garage, looking northeast. Integrity rating: good



119. 148 Russell Street, house and garage, looking northeast. Integrity rating: fair



120. 152 Russell Street, house and garage, looking northeast. Integrity rating: good



121. 156 Russell Street, looking east. Integrity rating: very good



122. 160 Russell Street, looking northeast. Integrity rating: very good



123. 164 Russell Street, looking east. Integrity rating: very good



124. 25 Sever Street, looking southeast. Integrity rating: fair



125. 26 Sever Street, looking northeast. Integrity rating: good



126. 27 Sever Street, looking west. Integrity rating: very good



127. 28 Sever Street, looking northeast. Integrity rating: very good



128. Parking lot at 29 Sever Street, looking northwest. Integrity rating: N/A



129. 30 Sever Street, looking southeast. Integrity rating: very good



130. 36 Sever Street, looking east. Integrity rating: very good



131. 38 Sever Street, looking northwest. Integrity rating: very good



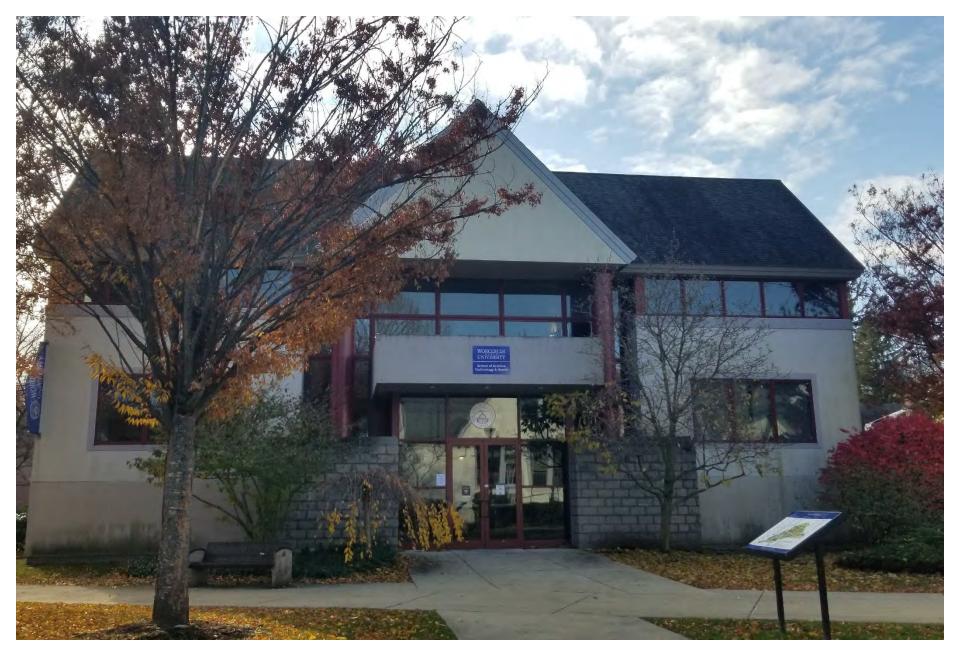
132. 41 Sever Street, looking northwest. Integrity rating: very good



133. 47 Sever Street, looking southwest. Integrity rating: excellent



134. 48 Sever Street, looking southeast. Integrity rating: very good



135. 51 Sever Street, looking south from quad. Integrity rating: Excellent (non-historic)



136. 61 Sever Street, looking northwest from quad. Integrity rating: very good



137. 61 Sever Street, looking southwest. Integrity rating: very good



138. Commemorative marker, quad between 51 and 61 Sever Street, looking southwest.



139. 69 Sever Street, looking northeast. Integrity rating: very good



140. 7 Somerset Street, looking southwest. Integrity rating: fair to good



141. 9 Somerset Street, looking southwest. Integrity rating: fair to good



142. 12 Somerset Street, looking east. Integrity rating: very good



143. 15 Somerset Street, looking northwest. Integrity rating: very good



144. 16 Somerset Street, looking northeast. Integrity rating: fair



145. 17–19 Somerset Street, house and garage, looking southwest. Integrity rating: fair



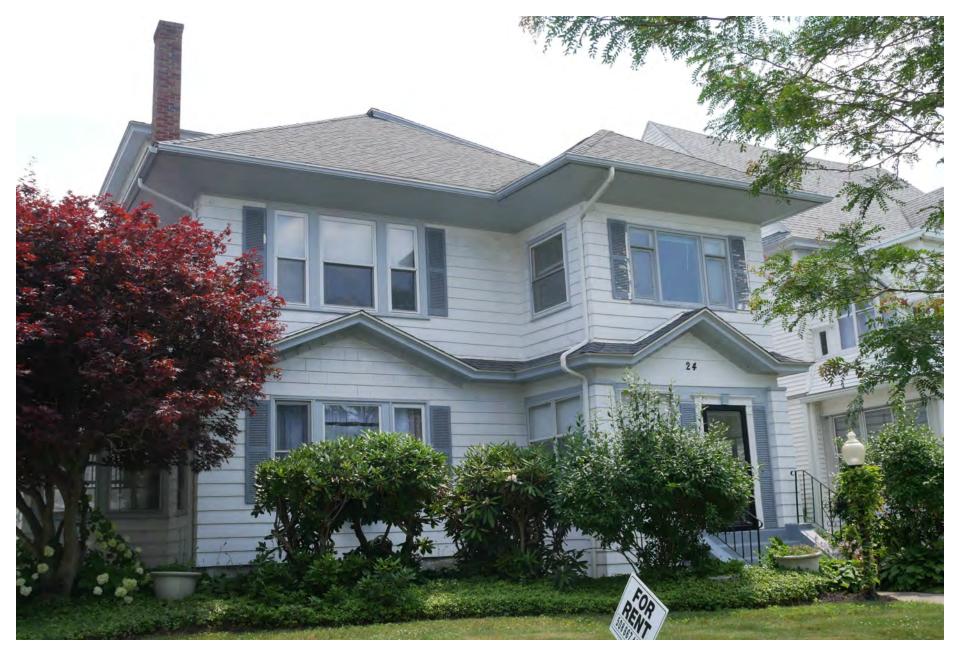
146. 20 Somerset Street, looking southeast. Integrity rating: fair to good



147. 22 Somerset Street, looking east. Integrity rating: fair



148. 23 Somerset Street, looking southwest. Integrity rating: fair to good



149. 24 Somerset Street, looking southeast. Integrity rating: fair



150. 25 Somerset Street, looking southwest. Integrity rating: very good



151. 26-28 Somerset Street, house and garage, looking northeast. Integrity rating: good



152. 27 Somerset Street, looking southwest. Integrity rating: fair to good



153. 30 Somerset Street, looking northeast. Integrity rating: poor



154. 32 Somerset Street, looking southeast. Integrity rating: very good



155. 33 Somerset Street, looking southwest. Integrity rating: poor to fair



156. 34 Somerset Street, looking east. Integrity rating: fair



157. 35 Somerset Street, looking west. Integrity rating: good



158. 36 Somerset Street, looking southeast. Integrity rating: poor



159. 37 Somerset Street, house and garage, looking northwest. Integrity rating: very good



160.41 Somerset Street, looking southwest. Integrity rating: very good



161. 42 Somerset Street, looking southeast. Integrity rating: very good



162. 44 Somerset Street, looking southeast. Integrity rating: good



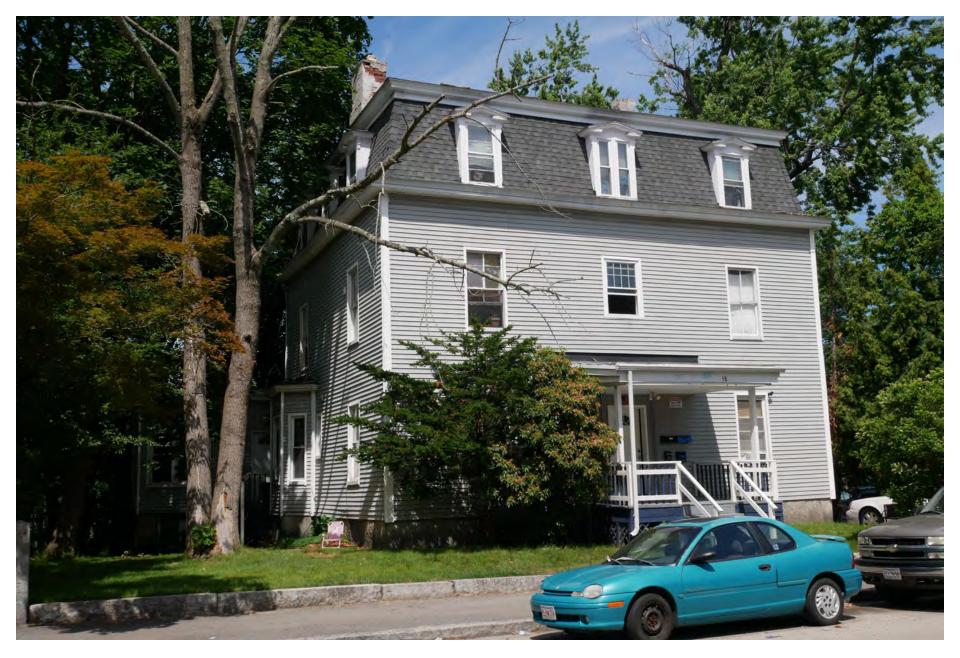
163. 45 Somerset Street, house and garage, looking southeast. Integrity rating: very good



164. 44 West Street, looking southwest. Integrity rating: excellent (non-historic)



165. 54 West Street, looking northwest. Integrity rating: excellent



166. 58 West Street, looking northwest. Integrity rating: good



167. Parking lot at 62 West & 49 William Street, looking south from William Street. Integrity rating: N/A



168. 72 West Street, looking west. Integrity rating: fair



169. 48 William Street (L) and 72 West Street (R), looking northwest. Integrity rating: Good, Fair



170. 50 William Street, looking north. Integrity rating: good



171. 51 William Street, looking southwest. Integrity rating: good



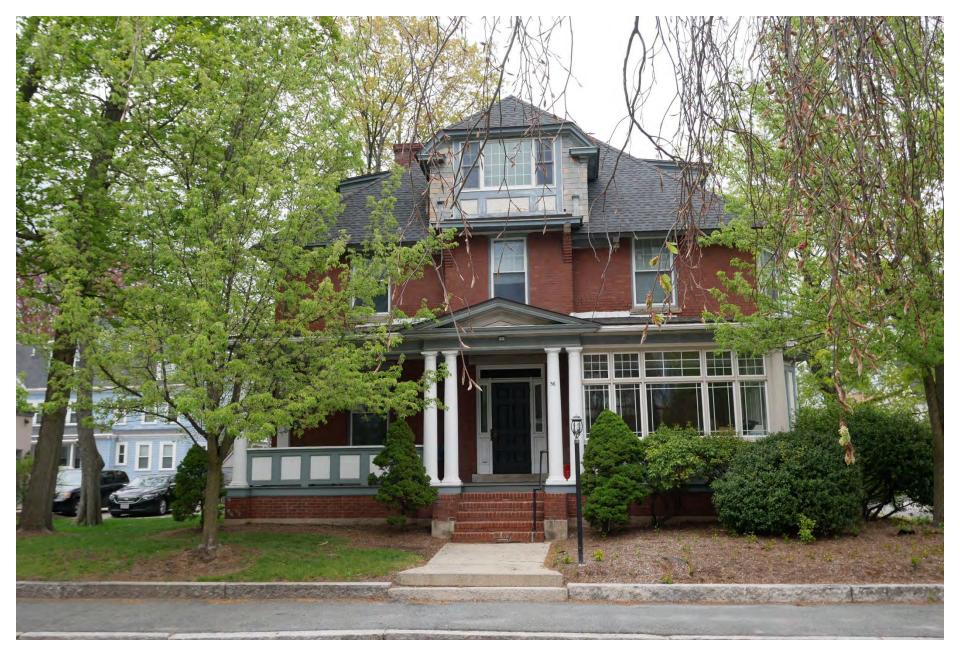
172. 52 William Street, house and carriage house, looking north. Integrity rating: good



173. 53 William Street, house and garage, looking southwest. Integrity rating: fair



174. 54 William Street, looking north. Integrity rating: good



175. 56 William Street, looking north. Integrity rating: very good



176. 60 William Street, looking northwest. Integrity rating: very good



177. 61 William Street, looking southwest. Integrity rating: very good



178. 62–64 William Street, looking northeast. Integrity rating: very good



179. 66 William Street, looking north. Integrity rating: very good



180. 74 William Street, looking northwest. Integrity rating: excellent



181. 75 William Street, looking south. Integrity rating: good



182. 79 William Street, house and garage, looking southeast. Integrity rating: very good



183. 80 William Street, looking northwest from William Street. Integrity rating: excellent



184. 80 William Street, looking west from Roxbury Street. (Well differentiated and reversible addition)



185. 81 William Street, looking southeast. Integrity rating: excellent



186. 84 William Street, looking northeast. Integrity rating: very good



187. 85 William Street, looking southwest. Integrity rating: excellent



188. 87 William Street, looking south. Integrity rating: excellent



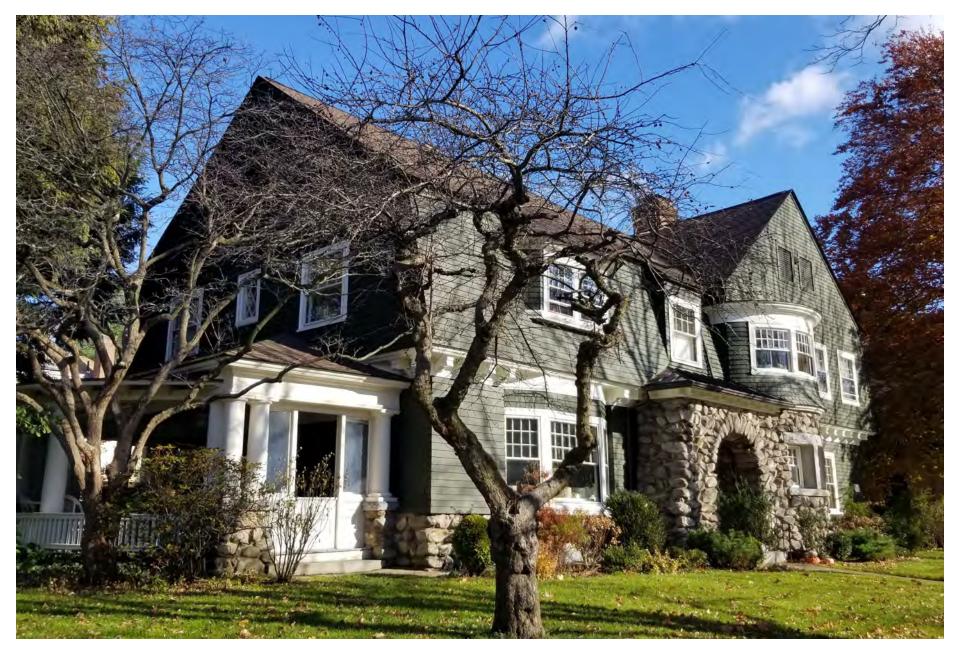
189. 89 William Street, looking south. Integrity rating: good



190. 93 William Street, house and garage, looking southwest. Integrity rating: very good



191. 96 William Street, looking northwest.
Integrity rating: very good (assuming fire damage mitigation measures)



192. 98 William Street, looking northeast. Integrity rating: very good

Sample Motions

If no changes are requested: The Commission hereby approves the properties and their associated ratings recommended by city staff for inclusion in the preliminary study report for the proposed Elm Park Local Historic District.

If changes are requested: The Commission hereby approves the properties and their associated ratings for inclusion in the preliminary study report for the proposed Elm Park Local Historic District, as recommended by city staff and further amended by the Worcester Historical Commission during the course of this meeting.