



City of Worcester Historical Commission Meeting Agenda

Thursday, March 6, 2025, 5:30 PM

Worcester City Hall, Levi Lincoln Chamber,
3rd Floor, Room 309, 455 Main Street

Commission Members

Diane Long, Chair
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Erika Helnarski, Clerk
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Steven Taylor
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The Historical Commission is committed to ensuring that its public meetings are accessible to all. Should you require interpretation, auxiliary aids, services, written materials in other formats, or reasonable modifications in policies and procedures, please contact the Planning Division a minimum of 2 business days in advance of the scheduled meeting.

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

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Interpretação e outras adaptações estão disponíveis mediante solicitação prévia.

Përkthimi dhe akomodime të tjera janë në dispozicion me kërkesë paraprake.

Kasa nkyerese e ene akwanya aforo da ho ma won a won be bisa ato ho.

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

Division Staff

Michelle Smith, Assistant Chief Development
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Victor Panak, Chief Planner
Michelle Johnstone, Sr. Preservation Planner
Eric Flint, Conservation Planner
Rose Russell, Senior Planner
Olivia Houle, Planning Analyst
Amy Beth Laythe, Planning Analyst
Mattie VandenBoom, Planning Analyst
Jorjette Lewis-Tyndale, Administrative Assistant

Upcoming Meetings

March 6, 2025
March 20, 2025
April 3, 2025
April 24, 2025
May 8, 2025
May 22, 2025
June 5, 2025
June 26, 2025
July 10, 2025
July 24, 2025
August 7, 2025

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://cityofworcester.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>.

For more information concerning this meeting, to request a reasonable accommodation or interpretation, or to submit written comments in advance of the meeting, 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. Note: interpretation requests must be received no later than 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

Las solicitudes de intérpretes para personas con dominio limitado del inglés deben hacerse a más tardar 2 días hábiles antes de la reunión. Para obtener más información en relación con esta reunión o enviar comentarios o preguntas por escrito antes de la reunión, contacte a: planning@worcesterma.gov or (508) 799-1400 x 31440.

REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT

1. 54 West Street (02-046-00052) – COA-25-2 – request to postpone to March 20, 2025

Petitioner: Ying Rizika
Year Built: 1867
Historic Status: MACRIS listed, State Register of Historic Places, National Register of Historic Places (district & MRA), Elm Park Neighborhood Local Historic District, FKA E.N. Childs House
Petition Purpose: Reconstruct chimneys

OLD BUSINESS

2. 32 May Street (06-024-00009) – BDDW-24-12

Petitioner: Thanh Nhuan Co
Year Built: 1878
Historic Status: MACRIS listed, State Register of Historic Places, National Register of Historic Places (district & MRA), FKA William Hill House
Petition Purpose: Replace roof

NEW BUSINESS

BUILDING DEMOLITION DELAY WAIVER

3. 420 Grafton Street (18-003-00001) – BDDW-25-5

Petitioner: Melissa Boynton o/b/o City of Worcester School Department
Year Built: 1922
Historic Status: MACRIS listed, positive opinion of eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, FKA Grafton Junior High School
Petition Purpose: Replace windows

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS & BUILDING DEMOLITION DELAY WAIVER

4. 45 Cedar Street (02-046-0055A) – COA-25-4

Petitioner: Mark Borenstein o/b/o Mar Vista Management, LLC
Year Built: 1886
Historic Status: MACRIS listed, State Register of Historic Places, National Register of Historic Places (district & MRA), Elm Park Neighborhood Local Historic District, FKA Edwin A. Kelly House, later FKA Salter Secretarial School
Petition Purpose: Replace roof

OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Policies & procedures
- B. Review of potential effects to a historic resource in the floodplain (1511 Main Street).

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. [Community Preservation Act Newsletter](#)
- B. Invitation from Trinity Financial, Inc., to comment on Curtis Apartments Phase 2 Redevelopment Project (Section 106).
- C. Invitation from EBI Consulting to comment on proposed collocated telecommunications antenna at 380 May Street (Section 106).
- D. Invitation from Colony Retirement Homes to comment on proposed demolition/reconstruction project at 485 Grove Street.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JANUARY 9 & 23, FEBRUARY 6 & 20, 2025

ADJOURNMENT