

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

Thursday, August 8, 2024

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Commissioners Present: Diane Long, Chair (*Participated Remotely*)
Janet Theerman, Vice-Chair
Donald Northway
Erika Helnarski, Clerk
Vanessa Andre, Alternate (*Participated Remotely*)
Steven Taylor (*Participated Remotely*)

Commissioners Absent: Devon Kurtz

Staff Present: Michelle Johnstone, Division of Planning & Regulatory Services (DPRS) (*Participated Remotely*)
Michelle Smith, Division of Planning & Regulatory Services (DPRS)

Call Commission to Order – 5:30 PM

Old Business

Certificate of Appropriateness & Building Demolition Delay Waiver

1. 32 May Street (06-024-00009) – BDDW-24-12

Petition purpose: Replace Roof

Petitioner Thanh Nhuan Co stated that their contractor was not able to be present at the meeting. The current quote Mr. Co had was not affordable and he would like to search for more affordable quotes from other companies.

Chair Long stated that there are several quotes that are missing to proceed and make a decision.

Mr. Co said it has been difficult to schedule a consultation with roofers. Therefore, Mr. Co would like to receive more time to search for different quotes for his roof and see which material would be more affordable.

On a motion made by Chair Long and seconded by Vice-Chair Theerman, the Commission voted six (6) in favor and zero (0) opposed to postpone this item until the September 5, 2024, meeting with an extended constructive grant deadline of September 20, 2024.

Exhibits: Exhibit A: Building Demolition Delay Waiver application, dated March 22, 2024, and received March 26, 2024.

Exhibit B: Slides presented to the Commission showing the project.

New Business

Certificate of Non-Applicability

2. 4 Crown Street (03-026-00043) – CNA-24-19

Petition purpose: Repair and repaint siding in-kind. Replace porch roof in-kind.

Koroshe De La Cruz, owner, gave an overview of the project to repair and repaint siding in-kind and replace the asphalt roof. The current roof is asphalt shingle and will be replaced with in-kind material.

Upon a motion made by Chair Long and seconded by Vice-Chair Theerman, the Commission voted six (6) in favor and zero (0) opposed that the changes to replace and repair siding, roof, porch floor with in-kind material at 4 Crown Street are not under the jurisdiction of the Commission. Having gained a unanimous affirmative vote, the request for a Certificate of Non-Applicability was approved.

Exhibits: Exhibit A: Certificate of Non-Applicability application, dated July 29, 2024, and received July 30, 2024.

Exhibit B: Slides presented to the Commission showing the project.

BUILDING DEMOLITION DELAY WAIVER & CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

3. 3 Oxford Place (03-025-00017) – COA-24-20

Petition Purpose: Repaint siding in-kind and replace windows.

Tom Rheault, owner, gave an overview of the project to repaint siding with in-kind material and replace windows that are visible from the public way with white wood windows in the existing wood pattern.

On a motion made by Chair Long and seconded by Vice-Chair Theerman, the Commission voted five (5) in favor and one (1) opposed that the proposed demolition at 3 Oxford Place, consisting of repainting siding with in-kind material and replace windows that are visible from the public way with white wood windows in the existing wood pattern would not be detrimental to the historical or architectural resources of the City of Worcester. Having gained a unanimous vote, the motion passed and a Building Demolition Delay Waiver for 3 Oxford Place was thus approved.

Upon a motion made by Chair Long and seconded by Vice-Chair Theerman, the Commission voted six (6) in favor and zero (0) opposed that the changes to replace and repair siding, roof, porch floor with in-kind material at 4 Crown Street are not under the jurisdiction of the Commission. Having gained a unanimous affirmative vote, the request for a Certificate of Appropriateness was approved.

Exhibits: Exhibit A: Certificate of Appropriateness & Building Demolition Delay Waiver application, dated July 19, 2024, and received July 22, 2024.

Exhibit B: Slides presented to the Commission showing the project.

OTHER BUSINESS

A. Policies & procedures

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Request for comment on City of Worcester Housing Division projects at 51 Ward Street, 82 Electric Street, 112 Paine Street, and 115 Endicott Street (Section 106).
- B. Request from PAL, Inc. for updated letters of support for MHRTC allocations for the Paul Morgan House, Worcester Boys' Club, and Taylor Farley Organ Factory, and new letter of support for the Slater Building.

The Commission voted unanimously to provide updated letters of support.

- C. Request from Heritage Consulting Group for an updated letter of support for MHRTC allocation for 1 Exchange Place.

The Commission voted unanimously to provide updated letters of support.

- D. Communication from MHC regarding listing of J.R. Torrey Razor Company & J.R. Torrey & Co. Manufacturing Facility to the National Register of Historic Places.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – None

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Commissioner Long, the Commission voted six (6) to zero (0) to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:10 p.m.