



City of Worcester Historical Commission Meeting Agenda

Thursday, October 24, 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
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Eric Flint, Conservation Planner
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Olivia Holden, Planning Analyst
Amy Beth Laythe, Planning Analyst
Mattie VandenBoom, Planning Analyst

Upcoming Meetings

November 7, 2024
November 21, 2024
December 5, 2024
December 19, 2024
January 9, 2025
January 23, 2025
February 6, 2025
February 20, 2025
March 6, 2025
March 20, 2025
April 3, 2025
April 24, 2025
May 8, 2025
May 22, 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>.

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OLD BUSINESS

1. 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

CERTIFICATE OF NON-APPLICABILITY

2. 8-10 Congress Street (03-026-810-5, -810-6, -810-7, 810-8, 810-9) – CNA-24-22

Petitioner: Debra Northway
Year Built: 1891
Historic Status: MACRIS listed, State Register of Historic Places, National Register of Historic Places (district & MRA), Crown Hill Local Historic District, FKA Hiram E. Barnard-George R. Bliss House, and later as William I. Thompson-Caroline P. Jones House
Petition Purpose: Replace a pane of glass

3. 41 Chatham Street – CNA-24-23

Petitioner: Adam Polletta o/b/o Chatham Place Condos
Year Built: 1918
Historic Status: MACRIS listed, State Register of Historic Places, Crown Hill Local Historic District, FKA The Irving
Petition Purpose: Replace windows

BUILDING DEMOLITION DELAY WAIVER

4. 321 Plantation Street (Unit 104) (19-01A-00104) – BDDW-24-36

Petitioner: Brian Legasey
Year Built: 1896
Historic Status: MACRIS listed, State Register of Historic Places, National Register of Historic Places (individual & MRA), Bloomingdale Gramar School
Petition Purpose: Replace windows

5. 133 Chandler Street (06-014-00015) – BDDW-24-37

Petitioner: Tim Gilbert o/b/o Worcester Common Ground
Year Built: 1887
Historic Status: MACRIS listed, FKA Mellen Block, and later as Williard’s Drug Store and Kanef Drug Company
Petition Purpose: Replace windows & doors
Rebuild portion(s) of storefront
Replace roof (non-historic)
Remove billboard
Repair & replace (in-kind) masonry as needed
Replace broken vent cap(s)
Install new lighting

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

6. 100 Elm Street (06-004-00002) – COA-24-32

Petitioner: Olusola Esan
Year Built: 1872
Historic Status: MACRIS listed, State Register of Historic Places, Elm Park Neighborhood Local Historic District, FKA J.S. Clark House
Petition Purpose: Replace roof

7. 98 Austin Street (03-024-18+23) – COA-24-33

Petitioner: Tim Gilbert o/b/o Worcester Common Ground
Year Built: 1870
Historic Status: MACRIS listed, State Register of Historic Places, National Register of Historic Places (district & MRA), Crown Hill Local Historic District, FKA Amos White House, and later as the Dennis Lynch House
Petition Purpose: Replace windows, sills & trim
Replace doors & associated building fabric
Install new entrance canopy
Install new intercom system
Selective repair, replacement & painting of existing siding, trim and flashing
Install new gutters, drains, and downspouts
Repair and/or replace porch elements
New exterior lighting and intercom system
Replace vents and vent hood

8. 102 Austin Street (03-024-18+23) – COA-24-34

Petitioner: Tim Gilbert o/b/o Worcester Common Ground
Year Built: 1905
Historic Status: MACRIS listed, State Register of Historic Places, National Register of Historic Places (district & MRA), Crown Hill Local Historic District, FKA Dennis Lynch Tenant Three Decker
Petition Purpose: Replace windows, sills & trim

Replace doors & associated building fabric
Replace roof
Install new slats under porches and new precast steps and metal railings
Install new trim

9. 108 Austin Street (03-024-00016) – COA-24-35

Petitioner: Tim Gilbert o/b/o Worcester Common Ground
Year Built: 1987
Historic Status: Located in the Crown Hill Local Historic District
Petition Purpose: Replace siding in-kind
Replace windows
Replace doors
Install new entrance canopy
Replace roof
Replace porch elements
Install new fence
Reset and replace wood retaining wall at east side of the property
Install new walkway.
Install new bollards at north end of driveway
Repave and restripe driveway

10. 90 Chatham Street (03-026-00020) – COA-24-36

Petitioner: Tim Gilbert o/b/o Worcester Common Ground
Year Built: 1888
Historic Status: MACRIS listed, State Register of Historic Places, located in the Crown Hill Local Historic District, FKA Samuel H. Putnam House
Petition Purpose: Replace windows & window trim
Replace doors & associated building fabric
Install new storm doors
Cap chimneys
Install new gutters and downspouts
Repair/replace (in-kind) moldings
Repair and/or replace, where needed, masonry
Seal gap at roof soffit and trim above corbel
Paint porch
Replace porch decking
Rebuild/reset the retaining wall following tree removal, as required
Install new railings at retaining wall
Install new wood rear steps to porches
Install new exterior concrete steps and rebuild retaining wall adjacent to building
Reset granite steps and reset/rebuild granite wall at sidewalk

11. 124 Russell Street (02-047-00055) – COA-24-29

Petitioner: Craig Orn o/b/o Kenneth Harling
Year Built: 1922
Historic Status: MACRIS listed, State Register of Historic Places, located in the Elm Park Neighborhood Local Historic District, FKA Sarah J. Swift House
Petition Purpose: Install solar panels

OTHER BUSINESS

A. Policies & procedures

COMMUNICATIONS

A. Request from City of Worcester Housing Division for comment on projects at 104 Plantation Street, 21 Fielding Street, and 33 Florence Street, Worcester, MA (Section 106).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 19 & OCTOBER 10, 2024

ADJOURNMENT