



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

Thursday, February, 17, 2022

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

Commissioners Present: Devon Kurtz, Chair
Diane Long, Vice-Chair
Janet Theerman, Clerk
Randolph Bloom
Tomi Stefani
Erika Helnarski, Alternate
Steven Taylor, Alternate

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Michelle Johnstone, Division of Planning & Regulatory Services (DPRS)
Stephen S. Rolle, Division of Planning & Regulatory Services (DPRS)

The February 17, 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 intent of the evening’s meeting, which was to review the integrity ratings of properties recommended for inclusion in the proposed Elm Park Local Historic District.

The Commission evaluated the properties in slides 5–84 (labeled as 113–192 given that the slides were a continuation of an earlier meeting) 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
152 Russell Street	Good	Very Good
9 Somerset Street	Fair to Good	Good
15 Somerset Street	Very Good	Excellent
16 Somerset Street	Fair	Fair to Good
58 West Street	Good	Fair
56 William Street	Very Good	Excellent

60 William Street	Very Good	Very Good to Excellent
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After completion of review of the properties, Ms. Johnstone described the next steps in the process to create the proposed local historic district.

List of Exhibits

Exhibit A. Slide deck shown at meeting.

Adjournment

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 7-0 to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:10 p.m.

EXHIBIT A

WORCESTER HISTORICAL COMMISSION

February 17, 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.***

Legend

- Proposed LHD Boundaries
- Building Footprints
- Architectural Integrity**
- Excellent
- Very good
- Good to very good
- Good
- Fair to good
- Fair
- Poor
- No building



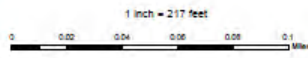
Proposed Elm Park Local Historic District

Architectural Integrity

Area: 52.1 acres
 Parcels: 183 (7 vacant)
 Buildings: 181 (plus 74 outbuildings)
 Owners: 133

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DATA SOURCES
 All data: City of Worcester Geographic Information System
 Original Data: City of Worcester GIS Data (last updated 1/15/2022)
 Updated Using: Spring 2022 Aerial Photography at 1:200 scale (1 inch = 200 feet)
 Aerial: Updated Using City of Worcester GIS Data
 COORDINATE SYSTEM
 All map data is in the Massachusetts State Plane Coordinate System, North American Datum of 1983. Horizontal Units: Meter (m). Vertical Units: Foot (ft).





**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.