

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE
HISTORICAL COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WORCESTER
May 12, 2011**

LEVI LINCOLN CHAMBER – CITY HALL

Commission Members Present: Thomas Constantine, Chair
Timothy McCann, Vice-Chair
Peter Schneider
Janet Merrill
James Crowley

Staff Present: Edgar Luna, Division of Planning & Regulatory Services

REGULAR MEETING (5:30 PM)

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Constantine called the meeting to order at 5:36 P.M.

MINUTES:

Mr. Luna informed the Commission that minutes from previous meetings are forthcoming.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. 76 Malvern Road (HC-2010-017) – Building Demolition Delay Waiver:** David Glaser, petitioner, presented the petition. Mr. Glaser stated that he was seeking Building Demolition Delay Waiver approval to make the following changes: (1) remove the existing synthetic roof shingles and replace them with composition shingles, (2) lift the addition at the rear of the house, install new footings and replace the rusted columns; and (3), remove and replace all soffits and fascia on the eaves and gable ends with trim having the same or similar profile as the existing trim. Mr. Glaser stated that the proposed changes were needed in order to address problems caused by regular wear and tear. He also said that he was proposing to replace the fascia due to the fact that it had deteriorated beyond repair; however, he stressed that the new fascia would be four (4) inches high, and would look similar to the fascia in place. Mr. Glaser further indicated that during the restoration process, the corbels would be removed, repaired, repainted and reinstalled in the same location to preserve and maintain the originality of these architectural features. Commissioner Crowley asked Mr. Glaser if the roof profile would be the same, and he responded affirmatively. Upon a motion by Commissioner Schneider and seconded by Commissioner McCann, the Commission voted 5-0 that the proposed demolition would

Exhibit A: Application submitted by David Glaser dated April 4, 2011 and received April 12, 2011.

2. **53 May Street (HC-2010-017) – Building Demolition Delay Waiver:** Sandra Katz, representative for the petitioner, presented the petition. Ms. Katz stated that the petitioner was seeking Building Demolition Delay Waiver approval to make the following changes: (a) install vinyl siding over the existing wood siding and trim, (b) remove the existing mantels over the windows and install vinyl mantels, (c) replace the existing windows with new aluminum or vinyl windows; (d) install aluminum trim over the existing window trim; (e) remove all corbels and install vinyl cover for all fascia and soffits; (f) Remove the existing roof and metal trim and install new asphalt roof tiles; (g) remove existing gutters and replace them with new gutters; (h) replace doors with new metal or wood doors; (e) replace the lattice under the front porch; (j) demolish garage and pave the foundation for parking. Chair Constantine asked Ms. Katz if the present petition was different than the previous petition and she responded the petitioner had not informed her if the changes were significantly different than the previous petition. Commissioner Crowley asked Ms. Katz to inform the Commission the reason the petitioner was not present to discuss the petition and she responded that she was representing the petitioner and that did not know why the petitioner had chosen not to attend the meeting. Commissioner Crowley asked Ms. Katz if the petitioner would consider amending any of the changes proposed. Ms. Katz stated that the petition before the Commission would not be changed or amended and requested a vote from the Commission. Upon a motion by Commissioner Crowley and seconded by Commissioner McCann, the Commission voted 0-5 (Commissioners Constantine, McCann, Crowley, Merrill and Schneider voted no), that the proposed demolition would not be detrimental to the architectural or historical resources of the City of Worcester. The motion failed and the Building Demolition Delay Waiver was denied.

Exhibit A: Application submitted by David Glaser dated April 15, 2011 and received April 15, 2011.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.