

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

June 11, 2015

LEVI LINCOLN CHAMBER – CITY HALL

Commission Members Present: Kevin Provencher, Chair
Andrew Shveda, Vice-Chair
Timothy McCann, Clerk
Randolph Bloom
Robyn Conroy
Devon Kurtz
Cheryl Holley-Alternate

Commission Members Absent: Karl Bjork-Alternate

Staff Members Present: Stephen S. Rolle, Division of Planning & Regulatory Services
Deborah Steele, Division of Planning & Regulatory Services

Commission Site Views -

Call to Order – 5:30 pm

Chair Provencher welcomed the newest member Cheryl Holley.

Approval of the Minutes: 5/28/2015

Upon a motion by Chair Provencher and seconded by Secretary McCann, the Commission voted 6-0 to approve the minutes of May 28, 2015.

OLD BUSINESS

1. 167 Pleasant Street (HC-2015-030)

Petition: Building Demolition Delay Waiver & Certificate of
Appropriateness
Petitioner: S&L Realty Trust
Present Use: Vacant Lot
Historic Status: MACRIS-listed and located in the Crown Hill Local Historic
District
Petition Purpose: Construction of a parking lot for 22 cars

COA Constructive Grant Deadline: June 28, 2015

Upon a motion by Chair Provencher and seconded by Secretary McCann, the Commission voted 6-0 to continue the item until the June 25, 2015 Historical Commission meeting and to extend the constructive deadline until July 11, 2015.

Exhibit A: Application for Building Demolition Delay Waiver & Certificate of Appropriateness received April 15, 2015 and dated April 10, 2015.

2. 35 Hermon Street (HC-2015-022)

Petition: Building Demolition Delay Waiver
Petitioner: 35 Hermon Street, LLC
Present Use: Commercial Building
Year Built: Circa 1888
Historic Status: MACRIS-listed, NRD (National Register District), NRMRA (National Register Multiple Resource Area), fka Junction Shops and Hermon Street
Petition Purpose: Demolish 35 Hermon Street including the main block and circa 1950 addition

BDDW Constructive Grant Deadline: June 26, 2015

Upon a motion by Chair Provencher and seconded by Vice-Chair Shveda, the Commission voted 6-0 to continue the item until the June 25, 2015 Historical Commission meeting and to extend the constructive deadline until July 11, 2015.

Exhibit A: Application for Building Demolition Delay Waiver received April 2, 2015 and dated April 2, 2015.
Exhibit B: Request to continue dated May 1, 2015 and received via email May 1, 2015.
Exhibit C: Report from Williamson Environmental LLC dated May 12, 2015 and received via email May 11, 2015.
Exhibit D: Request to continue dated May 28, 2015 and received via email May 28, 2015.

NEW BUSINESS

3. 280-282 Highland Street (HC-2015-035)

Petition: Building Demolition Delay Waiver
Petitioner: Yarock Memorial Housing
Present Use: Single family residence
Year Built: Circa 1898
Historic Status: MACRIS-listed, NRD (National Register District), NRMRA (National Register Multiple Resource Area), fka George A Park House

Petition Purpose:

- Replace deteriorating wood bulkhead with steel bulkhead
- Replace crumbling stone foundation with concrete foundation

BDDW Constructive Grant Deadline: June 27, 2015

Jeff Andrews on behalf of Yarock Memorial Housing appeared on behalf of the item.

Mr. Andrews stated that the bulkhead has been deteriorating over the years and needs to be replaced and there used to be two bulkheads and they will only put in one new steel bulkhead.

Chair Provencher asked if the new concrete would be poured to do that. Mr. Andrews stated that it would.

Chair Provencher asked where the bulkhead was located on the house. Mr. Andrews stated that it was located on the back side of the house.

Chair Provencher and Vice-Chair Shveda stated that they didn't believe you could see the bulkhead from the street.

Secretary McCann asked if there was any original material being removed. Mr. Andrews stated that there was not.

Upon a motion by Secretary McCann and seconded by Vice-Chair Shveda, the Commission voted 6-0 that the proposed demolition would not be detrimental to the architectural or historical resources of the City of Worcester and the Building Demolition Delay Waiver for this project was approved.

Exhibit A: Application for Building Demolition Delay Waiver received May 13, 2014 and dated May 13, 2015

OTHER BUSINESS

Communications Received:

- a. Letter from Epsilon Association requesting determination of eligibility for listing on the National Register of Historic Places for Saint Joseph's Home for Working Girls at 52 High Street received May 29, 2015 and dated May 29, 2015.

Upon a motion by Chair Provencher and seconded by Vice-Chair Shveda, the Commission voted 6-0 to approve the request.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion the Commission voted 6-0 to adjourn the meeting at 5:54 p.m.