

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

November 19, 2015

LEVI LINCOLN CHAMBER – CITY HALL

Commission Members Present: Timothy McCann, Clerk
Robyn Conroy
Randolph Bloom
Devon Kurtz

Commission Members Absent: Kevin Provencher, Chair
Andrew Shveda, Vice-chair
Karl Bjork, Alternate
Cheryll Holley, Alternate

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

Approval of the Minutes:

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Stearns Tavern Relocation, 651 Park Avenue - Review of Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Worcester and Massachusetts Historical Commission

Deborah Packard from Preservation Worcester appeared on behalf of the item.

Ms. Packard stated that the Massachusetts Historical Commission had drawn up a memorandum of agreement for the relocation of the Stearns Tavern to the site of the former Coes Knife factory on Mill Street. The agreement includes a series of conditions meant to protect the building during the move and they are requesting that the Worcester Historical Commission sign as co-signatories to the agreement along with Preservation Worcester and the City of Worcester. Ms. Packard stated that in addition the agreement gives the Worcester Historical Commission the authority to review all the plans associated with the relocation.

Ms. Packard stated that once the building is moved Seven Hills Foundation will occupy the first floor of the building where it will operate a café and other programs but no decision has been made yet about what to do with the second floor.

Peter Dunn from the City of Worcester's Business Assistance Office stated that the City Council has approved the use of \$150,000 in federal Community Development Block Grant Funds for the relocation and the funding will be used to cover all costs associated with the move, including environmental remediation of a small amount of asbestos.

Secretary McCann stated he was very excited about the project and appreciates all the efforts made by the city and Preservation Worcester to save the historic building.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Conroy and seconded by Commissioner Kurtz the Commission voted 4-0 to sign as a concurrent party on the Memorandum of Agreement.

Exhibit A: Letter from Massachusetts Historical Commission, re: Stearns Tavern, dated July 8, 2015 and received July 13, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

Per a motion by the Commission the meeting was adjourned.