

**MINUTES  
WORCESTER HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
APRIL 21, 2005**

**Historical Commission members present:** Michael Theerman  
Jeanice Sherman  
James Constantine  
Brian Batty  
Peter Schneider  
Thomas Johnson  
Sally Jablonski  
Thomas Conroy

**Staff Present:** Edgar Luna

**Regular Meeting (4:15 PM) – Division of Planning, Conference Room**

- 1- Call to Order:** Chairman Michael Theerman called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM.
- 2- Approval of the Minutes:** Edgar Luna reported that the minutes for April 7, 2005 meeting will be ready for the May 5, 2005 meeting. The Board voted 6-0 to accept the report.
- 3- Certificate of Appropriateness Hearing – 12 Monadnock Rd.** Jeanice Sherman recused herself. Daniel Grim and Irene Browne-Grim, owners of a residence located at 12 Monadnock Rd, made a presentation of their project to replace a former deck in the rear of the house, utilizing a historically accurate design that is consistent with the architecture of the house. Jeanice Sherman spoke in favor of the project as a private citizen. Upon a motion by Peter Schneider and seconded by Brian Batty, the Board voted 6-0 to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness.
- 4- Worcester Tornados – Proposed Plan to renovate Fitton Field, at the College of the Holy Cross.** Attorney Robert Longden made a presentation of the project to renovate Fitton Field at the College of the Holy Cross for use as the home base for the Worcester Tornados Baseball Team. Alan Stone, owner of the team, spoke in favor of the

project. Upon a motion by Peter Schneider and seconded by James Constantine, the Board voted 6-0 to approve the proposed project.

**5- Worcester Center for Performing Arts – Letter of Support.** Paul J. Denoga made a presentation of the project to renovate the former Lowe’s Theater located at 4 Southbridge St. as the home base facility for the Worcester Center for Performing Arts, and requested a Letter of Support. Upon a motion by Peter Schneider and seconded by Thomas Johnson, the Board voted 6-0 to approve the request.

**6- Other Business:**

- Tom Johnson requested the Board to petition the Massachusetts Historical Commission to consider including the house located at 16 Cottage St, former residence of Frances Perkins (1880-1965), US Secretary of Labor under the Franklin D. Roosevelt’s administration, in the Piedmont Inventory of Community Historic Resources list. Edgar Luna agreed to contact Michael Steinitz at the Massachusetts Historical Commission to make such a request
- Edgar Luna presented a list of possible locations for future Historical Commission monthly meetings. After a brief discussion, he was instructed to confirm the locations suggested. Mr. Luna agreed to submit a final schedule list for the May 5, 2005 meeting
- The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM.