

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

January 9, 2020

LEVI LINCOLN CHAMBER, ROOM 309 – CITY HALL

Commission Members Present: Mark Wamback, Chair
Randolph Bloom, Vice-Chair
Robyn Conroy, Clerk
Devon Kurtz
Diane Long
Janet Theerman

Commission Members Absent: Cathryn E. Jerome-Mezynski, Alternate
Tomi Stefani

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – DECEMBER 12, 2019

Upon a motion by Commissioner Theerman and seconded by Commissioner Long, the Commission voted 5-0 to approve the minutes of December 12, 2019.

OLD BUSINESS

BUILDING DEMOLITION DELAY WAIVER

1. 5 Richards Street – HC-2019-072 (MBL 07-009-00005)

Petitioner: Tony Nguyen
Year Built: ca. 1829
Historic Status: MACRIS listed, fka Deacon David Richards House

Petition Purpose:

- Demolish House

BDDW Constructive Grant Deadline: January 13, 2020

Don O’Neil, the applicant’s attorney; and John Fresolo, a representative of the applicant, appeared on behalf of the application. Mr. O’Neil said that at the last meeting, the Commission had requested a report from a structural engineer. He stated that they have a letter from a structural engineer that was submitted to the Commission.

Mr. Fresolo stated that he went into the building and the roof is open and exposed to the elements; the foundation is buckling; and the interior is “a total eyesore,” and he and he and the applicant’s team believe that it should be demolished.

Mr. O’Neil stated that the engineer had tried to conduct a structural analysis, but the engineer believed it was unsafe to do so.

Commissioner Bloom inquired as to how long the current owner has been in possession of the property.

Mr. Fresolo stated that he took pictures of the inside of the property. He shared the photographs, which were on his phone, with the Commission members. Commissioner Bloom stated that the photographs just look like an old house.

The Commission had some discussion on what would be built in its place if the house gets demolished.

Commissioner Wamback inquired whether Commission members thought the letter supplied by the applicant was sufficient as opposed to a report. Commissioner Conroy said that she found the situation difficult because she might like to go see the damage, but an engineer has stated he doesn't feel safe going in it. She felt stuck.

Commissioner Wamback stated that much of the damage to the house is due to neglect since it suffered a fire in 2017. He asked Mr. O'Neil and Mr. Fresolo what the owner's intention for the property was when he purchased it. Mr. Fresolo and Mr. O'Neil stated that the owner owns the property next door and is currently building on it. When the property became available, he purchased it and believed that it could not be salvaged and planned on demolishing it.

Commissioner Long mentioned that there had been previous discussion of saving the exterior of the house. Commissioner Theerman mentioned the Commission had also previously requested to see what is beneath the aluminum siding.

Mr. Fresolo stated that since the foundation is buckling, it would definitely need to be taken down and repaired. Commissioner Bloom stated that he didn't believe that the foundation of the house is brick, and is instead lively rubble stone with a brick veneer.

Mr. O'Neil asked whether the Commission ever conducts site visits. Commissioner Wamback stated that they do and he would be amenable to a site visit in this case. The Commission members agreed that they would find a site visit helpful.

Public Comment

Deborah Packard of Preservation Worcester spoke in opposition of the demolition, noting that it had been on their Endangered Structures list for two years. She echoed the Commission's desire for more evidence to prove that the property is unsalvageable. She mentioned the Building Demolition Delay Waiver application that had been submitted for Stearns Tavern four years earlier. The building ended up being saved, and she hopes that the same thing happens for the property in question.

Amy Skrzek of 128 Vernon Street, Worcester, submitted a letter to the Commission, read by Deborah Packard, speaking in opposition to the demolition of the property. She also requested further documentation of the structural integrity of the building. She mentioned that many of the most vulnerable buildings are vernacular historic buildings with perceived compromised integrity. She also stated that it is a rare example of architecture in the city. She said that many times developers only try to increase their profit margins, but when preservation is the goal of a project, there are tools that can be used to make it work. She used the Mission Chapel project, which is being developed by her employer, Traggorth Companies, as an example of preservation in the city. Further, she called for more transparency in the process.

Susan Ceccacci of Holden spoke in opposition to the demolition. She is an architectural historian. She said that 5 Richards Street is a rare, pre-nineteenth century home in Worcester, and that it is one of 43 Federal style buildings listed in MACRIS. She also noted that several of the buildings listed on MACRIS have been demolished. She said that beyond its architectural significance, 5 Richards Street also has significant associations with Worcester's development history and Worcester people of significance.

She went on to give a history of the house; genealogical research about its inhabitants; and places associated to the property. She noted that houses of the age of the house at 5 Richards Street are way overbuilt by today's standards, and she believes there are ways to save the structure.

Commissioner Bloom reiterated that houses built from the late eighteenth century to the middle of the nineteenth century had materials very unlike the kinds of building materials we use today; and are almost impervious to all kinds of neglect, including fires.

Patricia Hobbs of Worcester spoke in opposition to the demolition of the house. She called it a rare, exquisite gem. She has visited many historic homes around the region, including ones that have had fires that have since been restored. She inquired as to why the roof has not been covered to prevent the elements from damaging the house any further.

Jonathan Ostrow of 200 Lovell Street, Worcester, spoke in opposition to the demolition of the house. He spent his lifetime in construction, including working on historic properties. He reiterated the sentiment of Ms. Ceccacci and Commissioner Bloom, stating that much higher quality materials were used in historic buildings. He noted that typically full dimensional lumber was used in house construction rather than two-by-fours, which are used today. He is also on the Preservation Worcester Committee that forms the endangered list. He has been visiting the house at 5 Richards Street yearly to watch its progress. He went on to provide genealogical research on the home's first owner.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Theerman and seconded by Commissioner Long, the Commission voted 5-0 to close the public hearing.

The commissioners and representatives of the applicant discussed whether a site visit would be beneficial. Commissioner Conroy inquired whether it would be possible to bring an expert such as an independent engineer with them to the site visit. Michelle Johnstone said that the Commissioner could invite the applicant's engineer to come to the visit, and that staff could not recommend anyone specific. Commissioner Conroy noted that the Commission already has the opinion of the applicant's engineer and that it would be nice to have another opinion. Ms. Johnstone said that staff would look into it and see if something could be arranged.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Theerman and seconded by Commissioner Long, the Commission voted 5-0 to re-open the public hearing.

Deborah Packard of Preservation Worcester said she could offer expertise from the Board of Preservation Worcester to assist in the site visit.

Ms. Johnstone asked the applicant's representatives whether that is something that they would be open to. Mr. O'Neil said that he assumes that is something the owner would be okay with.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Theerman and seconded by Commissioner Long, the Commission voted 5-0 to close the public hearing.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Conroy and seconded by Commissioner Theerman, the Commission voted 5-0 to continue the Building Demolition Delay Waiver application to the February 6, 2020 meeting and set the Constructive Grant Deadline to February 21, 2020.

List of Exhibits:

Exhibit A: Building Demolition Delay Waiver application dated September 13, 2019, received September 13, 2019.

Exhibit B: Request for Continuance/Constructive Approval Date Extension, received November 7, 2019.

Exhibit C: Request for Continuance/Constructive Approval Date Extension, received November 21, 2019.

Exhibit D: Request for Continuance/Constructive Approval Date Extension, received December 12, 2019.

Exhibit E: Request for Continuance/Constructive Approval Date Extension, received January 9, 2019.

2. 9 Oxford Street – HC-2019-071 (MBL 03-025-00004)

Petitioner: Helen & Don Pham

Year Built: 1891

Historic Status: MACRIS listed; National Register Determination of Eligibility (DOE); National Register District (NRDIS); Local Historic District (LHD); State Register (SR), FKA Salem Griggs House

Petition Purpose:

- Replace windows (retroactive)

BDDW Constructive Grant Deadline: January 25, 2020

The applicant did not appear.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Kurtz and seconded by Commissioner Theerman, the Commission voted 6-0 to continue the Building Demolition Delay Waiver application to the January 23, 2020 meeting and set the Constructive Grant Deadline to February 7, 2020.

List of Exhibits:

Exhibit A: Building Demolition Delay Waiver application dated September 11, 2019, received September 12, 2019.

Exhibit B: Request for Continuance/Constructive Approval Date Extension, received October 17, 2019.

Exhibit C: Request for Continuance/Constructive Approval Date Extension, received November 4, 2019.

Exhibit D: Request for Continuance/Constructive Approval Date Extension, received November 21, 2019.

Exhibit E: Request for Continuance/Constructive Approval Date Extension, received January 9, 2019.

3. 11 Oxford Street – HC-2019-087 (MBL 03-025-00005)

Petitioner: Thomas Rheault and Carmen Michel

Year Built: 1850

Historic Status: MACRIS listed; National Register Determination of Eligibility (DOE); National Register District (NRDIS); Local Historic District (LHD); fka Samuel A. Goss House

Petition Purpose:

- Repaint

Thomas Rheault and Carmen Michel, owners, appeared on behalf of the application. The applicants restated their intention to paint the house. When they last appeared before the Historical Commission on November 7, 2019, they agreed to come back to present their chosen paint colors. They presented the colors to the board.

The applicants chose colors from the Benjamin Moore Historic Collection. They chose a blue for the body of the house, white for the trim, and gray as an accent color.

Commissioner Theerman asked if the ceiling of the porch is painted or if it is natural wood. Mr. Rheault stated that it is painted a creamy white, and will probably remain the same. The porch floor, which is painted gray, will remain the same.

No Public Comment

Upon a motion by Commissioner Theerman and seconded by Commissioner Conroy, the Commission voted 5-0 to close the public hearing.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Conroy and seconded by Commissioner Long, the Commission voted 5-0 to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness, with the body of the house to be painted Benjamin Moore Historic Palette HC 156, with an accent color of Benjamin Moore Gray Timber Wolf, and with white trim

Upon a motion by Commissioner Conroy and seconded by Commissioner Theerman, the Commission voted 5-0 to approve the Building Demolition Delay Waiver.

Exhibit A: Building Demolition Delay Waiver application dated October 16, 2019, received October 16, 2019.

Exhibit B: Partial Decision dated November 21, 2019, and stamped by the City Clerk November 22, 2019.

Exhibit C: Request for Continuance/Constructive Approval Date Extension, received November 7, 2019.

NEW BUSINESS

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS & BUILDING DEMOLITION DELAY WAIVER

4. 13 Montvale Road – HC-2019-094 (MBL 20-007-0026A)

Petitioner: Rebecca Zash

Year Built: c1929

Historic Status: MACRIS listed; State Register of Historic Places (SR); Local Historic District (LHD)

Petition Purpose:

- Replace 17 windows

BDDW Constructive Grant Deadline: February 14, 2020

Teresa Zash, a co-owner of 13 Montvale Road, appeared on behalf of the application. Ms. Zash stated that Andersen Windows was supposed to also be in attendance at the meeting to represent her. She stated that the intent of the application is to replace the second- and third-floor windows and one window on the first-floor on the back of the house. She stated that the exterior storms are very old and rusty, and that some of the windows are not efficient, and are in some cases not operable. Ms. Zash stated that the proposed replacement windows are a wood composite.

Commissioner Bloom stated that he would like to better understand the condition of the current windows. He stated that if the ropes are broken, it is an easy fix. Ms. Zash stated that the rusted screens are awful. She stated that she tried to locate a service that would come to her home and replace the storms and perform repairs, but she was unsuccessful in finding one that was not prohibitively expensive. She also mentioned that some of the panes are cracked.

Commissioner Bloom suggested that the storms get replaced, and there are firms in the City that can custom build storms. He stated that he believes replacing the storms would be less of a financial burden than replacing the entirety of the window units.

Commissioner Conroy suggested that the Commission ask Ms. Zash to continue the application so that further documentation can be gathered, and the Andersen Windows representative could appear before the Commission.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Theerman and seconded by Commissioner Long, public comment was opened.

Public Comment

Susan Ceccacci, architectural historian spoke. She stated that windows are a very important part of the design of a house and that a house's original windows should be kept if possible. She said oftentimes when original windows are removed, original moldings are removed as well. She reiterated a point made earlier in the meeting that materials used in older homes are hardier than modern materials and can withstand more damage. She encouraged the applicant to make every effort to repair instead of replace the windows; weather strip the windows; and install high-quality storm windows.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Theerman and seconded by Commissioner Long, the Commission voted 6-0 to close the public hearing.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Kurtz and seconded by Commissioner Theerman, the Commission voted 6-0 to continue the Certificate of Appropriateness and Building Demolition Delay Waiver application to the February 6, 2020 meeting and set the Constructive Grant Deadline to February 21, 2020.

List of Exhibits:

Exhibit A: Certificate of Appropriateness and Building Demolition Delay Waiver application dated October 23, 2019, received December 16, 2019.

Exhibit B: Request for Continuance/Constructive Approval Date Extension, received January 9, 2020.

Building Demolition Delay Waiver

5. 25 Union Street – HC-2019-092 (MBL 21-001-00019)

Petitioner: ViewPoint Sign and Awning
Year Built: 1879
Historic Status: MACRIS listed; National Register Individual (NRIND); National Register Multiple Resource Area (MRA); State Register of Historic Places (SR), FKA Munroe Organ Reed Company

Petition Purpose:

- Install awning unit. Work will include drilling into historic brick.

BDDW Constructive Grant Deadline: January 23, 2020

David Fay, one of the co-owners of 25 Union Street, appeared on behalf of the application. He stated that he was looking to install one awning over an entrance door. He stated that the awning would be 6’x6’ and would be screwed into the wall. He also mentioned that other awnings already exist over other entrances to the building.

Commissioner Kurtz stated that the Commission ask that the unit be screwed into mortar and not bricks. Mr. Fay agreed.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Bloom, public comment was opened.

No Public Comment.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Theerman and seconded by Commissioner Long, the Commission voted 6-0 to close the public hearing.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Conroy and seconded by Commissioner Theerman, the Commission voted 6-0 to approve the Building Demolition Delay Waiver.

List of Exhibits:

Exhibit A: Building Demolition Delay Waiver application dated November 19, 2019, received December 9, 2019.

6. 720 Main Street – HC-2019-093A (MBL 06-17B-00115)

Petitioner: Jane Carbone
Year Built: 1887
Historic Status: MACRIS listed; National Register District (NRDIS), National Register Multiple Resource Area (MRA); State Register of Historic Places (SR), FKA The Windsor

Petition Purpose:

- Install handicap ramp

BDDW Constructive Grant Deadline: January 27, 2020

Jane Carbone appeared on behalf of the application. She explained that she works for the owner of 720 Main Street and 37 Wellington Street (HC-2019-093B). She said that they must provide handicap accessibility to 720 Main Street to comply with the Massachusetts Architectural Access Board. A wood handicap ramp to be installed on the front and along the east side of the building is proposed.

Commissioner Wamback asked whether the ramp would be somewhat obscured by shrubbery. The applicant affirmed.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Theerman, public comment was opened.

No Public Comment.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Theerman and seconded by Commissioner Long, the Commission voted 6-0 to close the public hearing.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Kurtz and seconded by Commissioner Theerman, the Commission voted 6-0 to approved the Building Demolition Delay Waiver.

List of Exhibits:

Exhibit A: Building Demolition Delay Waiver application dated December 2, 2019, received December 13, 2019.

7. 37 Wellington Street – HC-2019-093B (MBL 06-17B-00047)

Petitioner: Jane Carbone

Year Built: ca. 1890

Historic Status: MACRIS listed; National Register District (NRDIS), National Register Multiple Resource Area (MRA); State Register of Historic Places (SR), FKA T.J. Barrett Apartment House

Petition Purpose:

- Replace one wood window

BDDW Constructive Grant Deadline: January 27, 2020

Jane Carbone appeared on behalf of the application. She explained that she works for the owner of 720 Main Street (HC-2019-093A) and 37 Wellington Street. Ms. Carbone stated that one original wood window remains in place at 37 Wellington Street. The rest of the windows in the building are replacement windows. All windows, including the original wood window, are proposed to be replaced with energy efficient, historically appropriate windows. The rounded shape of the original wood window will be retained.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Theerman, public comment was opened.

No Public Comment.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Theerman and seconded by Commissioner Long, the Commission voted 6-0 to close the public hearing.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Kurtz and seconded by Commissioner Theerman, the Commission voted 6-0 to approved the Building Demolition Delay Waiver.

List of Exhibits:

Exhibit A: Building Demolition Delay Waiver application dated December 2, 2019, received December 13, 2019.

8. 220 Webster Street – HC-2019-095 (MBL 06-17B-00047)

Petitioner: Hung Nguyen

Year Built: 1922

Historic Status: MACRIS listed, FKA Charles L. Lundstrom – Walter E. Linger House

Petition Purpose:

- Replace roof
- Repoint chimney
- Repoint section of foundation

BDDW Constructive Grant Deadline: January 31, 2020

Ken Wolanin, City of Worcester, and Kathleen Napier, owner of 220 Webster Street, appeared on behalf of the application.

Mr. Wolanin stated that the roof is compromised and is leaking in several areas. The use of architectural shingles is proposed. Additionally, mortar will be added to the chimney joints; and the stone foundation will be repointed and waterproofed.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Theerman, public comment was opened.

No Public Comment.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Theerman and seconded by Commissioner Conroy, the Commission voted 6-0 to close the public hearing.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Conroy and seconded by Commissioner Long, the Commission voted 6-0 to approve the Building Demolition Delay Waiver.

List of Exhibits:

Exhibit A: Building Demolition Delay Waiver application dated December 13, 2019, received December 17, 2019.

9. 125 Salisbury Street – HC-2019-096 (MBL 02-044-01+02)

Petitioner: Ron O'Brien

Year Built: 1953

Historic Status: MACRIS listed; National Register District (NRDIS), W.P.I Kaven Hall

Petition Purpose:

- Install new louvered dormer, snow guard, and elevator shaft vent
- Install new windows throughout
- Repair main stair in-kind
- Install accessible handrails at exterior stairs
- Replace main entry door
- Install new accessible entry

BDDW Constructive Grant Deadline: January 31, 2020

Commissioner Wamback recused himself.

Ron O'Brien, Director of Design and Construction at WPI, and Robert Hicks, an architect at Stantec currently working on the project at WPI, appeared on behalf of the application.

Mr. O'Brien stated that WPI came before the Commission in August regarding most items on the application, which were approved. He explained that the architectural renderings included the work already approved in August, including the proposals to install new windows throughout; repair main stair in-kind; install accessible handrails at exterior stairs; replace main entry door; install snow guard; and install a new accessible entry. The only new piece of work is the installation of the new louvered dormer.

The reason for the larger scope of work already approved for Kaven Hall is primarily for accessibility, Mr. O'Brien explained. The new louvered dormer is being installed to allow for an improved cooling system. The dormer will have a shed-roof design and will be as least obtrusive as possible. It will only be visible from the campus, not from Salisbury Street or Boynton Avenue.

Mr. O'Brien requested the removal from the petition for the following items, which were approved in August: the snow guard; the elevator shaft vent; installation of new windows throughout; repair of the main stair in-kind; installation of the accessible handrails at exterior stairs; replace main entry door; install new accessible entry. The only new item proposed is the installation of the louvered dormer.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Kurtz and seconded by Commissioner Conroy, the Commission voted 5-0 to withdraw the aforementioned items from the Building Demolition Delay Waiver application.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Conroy, public comment was opened.

Public Comment

Deborah Packard of Preservation Worcester spoke in support of the application. She commended WPI for working as a partner with Preservation Worcester and noted that she wishes other organizations would be as community oriented as WPI.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Theerman and seconded by Commissioner Long, the Commission voted 5-0 to close the public hearing.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Conroy and seconded by Commissioner Long, the Commission voted 5-0 to approved the Building Demolition Delay Waiver.

List of Exhibits:

Exhibit A: Building Demolition Delay Waiver application dated December 10, 2019, received December 17, 2019.

10. 8 Haviland Street – HC-2019-097 (MBL 11-010-00008)

Petitioner: Mirjana and J. Gregory Ormsby

Year Built: 1906

Historic Status: MACRIS listed; National Register District (NRDIS), National Register Multiple Resource Area (MRA); State Register of Historic Places (SR), FKA Charles E. Higgins House

Petition Purpose:

- Replace 13 windows

BDDW Constructive Grant Deadline: February 1, 2020

Mira and Greg Ormsby, homeowners, appeared on behalf of the application. Mrs. Ormsby stated their intention to replace thirteen of the first floor windows due to the condition that they are in and to achieve

energy efficiency. She said that they are extremely drafty and deteriorated; the pulleys and ropes on the interior are broken; and there are cracked panes, all which make it difficult and expensive to heat the house.

Commissioner Wamback inquired as to whether the applicants had done any window replacements prior. Mrs. Ormsby stated that they had not, however a previous owner replaced two windows in the third floor. She went on to say that they propose to replace the windows with aluminum clad wood windows, painted black. The grid pattern will remain the same.

Commissioner Bloom reiterated that broken latches and window components doesn't justify window replacement. Mrs. Ormsby mentioned that the proposal is also for energy efficiency, which she does not believe single-pane glass can achieve. The addition of storms would not be in line with their desired appearance. She said that the house did not originally have storms, and they are trying to achieve the original look.

Commissioner Bloom asked whether the storms will be removed when the new windows are installed. Mrs. Ormsby affirmed this, and said she believes the appearance will be improved. The bay window under the porch will not be replaced.

Commissioners Long and Conroy said that drafty historic windows can be remedied with the use of weather stripping. The applicants stated that they have tried weather stripping and other methods. They feel that new windows would be aesthetically pleasing and would be more economically energy efficient.

Commissioner Long stated that in the past, the Commission has compromised with applicants in allowing window replacements on the sides and back of homes, but retaining the windows on the front of the house. Mrs. Ormsby maintained that she believes that the storm windows detract from the appearance of the windows and new, like-in-kind windows, would be an improvement.

Commissioner Bloom asked staff when storm windows like the ones on 8 Haviland Street came into being. Michelle Johnstone stated that the storms were probably installed in the mid-to late twentieth century. She stated that she did a site visit and with the glare from the sun on the storms, it does, in her opinion, detract from the appearance of the windows.

Commissioner Conroy commended the applicants with using wood windows instead of vinyl. Michelle Johnstone clarified that the windows will be aluminum clad wood windows, which are a widely accepted product in historic homes.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Theerman, public comment was opened.

Public Comment

Commissioner Conroy read an email from Chuck Rosenblum of 9-11 Haviland Street into the record, stating the following: "My name is Chuck Rosenblum. I am the owner of #9-11 Haviland Street. I am in favor of my neighbor's proposal. It's a reasonable request. Please read this into the official record. Thank you."

Upon a motion by Commissioner Theerman and seconded by Commissioner Long, the Commission voted 6-0 to close the public hearing.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Kurtz and seconded by Commissioner Theerman, the Commission voted 5-1, with Commissioner Long dissenting, to approve the Building Demolition Delay Waiver.

List of Exhibits:

Exhibit A: Building Demolition Delay Waiver application dated December 18, 2019, received December 13, 2019.

COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Request for updated letter of support from Epsilon Associates, re: Ransom F. Taylor Block, 526–536 Main Street
- b. Request for updated letter of support from VHB, re: Torrey Razor Company, 128 Chandler Street
- c. Communication from EBI Consulting re: Section 106 compliance; invitation to comment on potential effect of collocation of antennas atop the Melville Shoe Corporation Warehouse and Office (44 Hammond Street, WOR.2804)
- d. Communication from Howard Stein Hudson o/b/o Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Highway Division re: Section 106 compliance; invitation to comment on reconstruction of West Mountain Street from west of I-190 SB Exit Ramp to west of West Boylston Street
- e. Communication from MHC re: 42nd Annual Preservation Awards
- f. Communication from MHC re: Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund (MPPF) grant program

Upon a motion by Commissioner Wamback and seconded by Commissioner Kurtz, the Commission voted 6-0 to issue an updated letter of support to Epsilon Associates, re: Ransom F. Taylor Block, 526–536 Main Street.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Wamback and seconded by Commissioner Kurtz, the Commission voted 6-0 to issue an updated letter of support to VHB, re: Torrey Razor Company, 128 Chandler Street.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Wamback and seconded by Commissioner Theerman, the Commission voted 6-0 to decline to issue comment to EBI Consulting re: Section 106 compliance; invitation to comment on potential effect of collocation of antennas atop the Melville Shoe Corporation Warehouse and Office (44 Hammond Street, WOR.2804).

Upon a motion by Commissioner Wamback and seconded by Commissioner Theerman, the Commission voted 6-0 to decline to issue comment to Howard Stein Hudson o/b/o Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Highway Division re: Section 106 compliance; invitation to comment on reconstruction of West Mountain Street from west of I-190 SB Exit Ramp to west of West Boylston Street.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Commissioner Theerman and seconded by Commissioner Long the Commission voted 6-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m.