



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

**Thursday, March 24, 2022**

Worcester City Hall - Levi Lincoln Chamber,  
with remote participation options available via Webex online at  
<https://cow.webex.com/meet/historicalncommissionwebex> and  
call-in number 415-655-0001 (Access Code: 1608081191).

**Commissioners Present:** Devon Kurtz, Chair  
Diane Long, Vice-Chair  
Janet Theerman, Clerk  
Randolph Bloom  
Erika Helnarski, Alternate  
Steven Taylor, Alternate

**Commissioners Absent:** Tomi Stefani

**Staff Present:** Michelle Johnstone, Division of Planning & Regulatory Services (DPRS)  
Stephen S. Rolle, Division of Planning & Regulatory Services (DPRS)

**Call Commission to Order** – 5:30 PM

**Approval of Minutes** – None

**New Business**

**Certificate of Non Applicability**

**1. 23 Newbury Street– HC-2022-018 (MBL 03-024-00008)**

Ken Wolanin, representing the applicant, Doreen Beauchene called in for the meeting. Mr. Wolanin stated that purpose of the petition is to gain approval to install a storm door on the rear of the house, and replace a section of broken lattice in-kind with an access gate.

Ms. Johnstone noted the storm door would be difficult to view from the street and that a portion of the lattice apron would be installed with a latch to allow for access to underneath the porch.

**No Public Comment**

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Theerman, the Commission voted 6-0 to close the Public Hearing portion of the meeting.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Theerman, the Commission voted six (6) in favor and zero (0) opposed, the motion passed and the Certificate of Non-Applicability for 23 Newbury Street was thus approved.

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List of Exhibits

*Exhibit A. Certificate of Non-Applicability application, dated and received March 17, 2022.*

**Certificate of Appropriateness & Building Demolition Delay Waiver**

**2. 6 Whitman Road – HC-2022-016 (MBL 20-007-00030)**

Ellen Fillipon called into the meeting to describe her petition. Ms. Fillipon petitioned the Board for a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace her front door. Ms. Fillipon’s home is circa 1956 and located in the Montvale Local Historical District as noted by Ms. Johnstone.

Chair Kurtz asked the applicant if the door was made of wood. Ms. Fillipon confirmed it was a wood door.

Commissioner Theerman asked if the hardware would be similar to the existing door. Ms. Fillipon stated she believed it was, but that she purchased the door months ago and doesn’t remember the exact hardware.

No Public Comment

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Theerman, the Commission voted 6-0 to close the Public Hearing portion of the meeting.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Theerman, the Commission voted six (6) in favor and zero (0) opposed, the motion passed and the Certificate of Appropriateness for 6 Whitman Road was thus approved.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Theerman, the Commission voted six (6) in favor and zero (0) opposed, the motion passed and the Building Demolition Delay Waiver for 6 Whitman Road was thus approved.

List of Exhibits

*Exhibit A. Certificate of Appropriateness & Building Demolition Delay Waiver application, dated September 2, 2021 and received February 22, 2022.*

**Building Demolition Delay Waiver**

**3. 16-20 Front Street – HC-2022-017 (MBL 02-025-005+6)**

Raymond James Simoncini spoke on behalf of the applicant, 20-30 Front Street LLC. Mr. Simoncini described the petition to modify the windows/window openings and associated work around the windows to make the façade blend better.

Chair Kurtz asked for clarifications on the window placement. Mr. Simoncini showed on the screen where the windows were proposed to go.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Theerman, the Commission voted 6-0 close the Public Comment hearing portion of the meeting.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Theerman, the Commission voted six (6) in favor and zero (0) opposed, the motion passed and the Building Demolition Delay Waiver be for 16–20 Front Street was thus approved.

List of Exhibits

*Exhibit A. Building Demolition Delay Waiver application, dated February 28, 2022, and received March 10, 2022.*

**Communications**

- A. Communication from the MHC regarding the positive determination of eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places of Indian Hill School and the Main and Franklin Streets Historic District.
- B. Communication from the MHC to DPRS regarding the selection of the project “Worcester Local Historic District Design Review Guidelines Project” for an FY 2022 Planning and Survey Grant Award.

**Other Business**

- A. Elm Park Local Historic District report review and vote  
Held until next meeting.
- B. Commission officer annual elections  
Held until next meeting.

**Adjournment**

Upon a motion made and duly seconded the Commission voted 6-0 to adjourn the meeting at approximately 5:50 p.m.