



Historical Commission

Regular

~ Minutes ~

36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103
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Vincent Walsh

Thursday, October 3, 2024

5:30 PM

Richard Neal Municipal Operations Center

I. Call to Order

5:30 PM Meeting called to order on October 3, 2024 at Richard Neal Municipal Operations Center, 70 Tapley Street, Springfield, MA.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Vincent Walsh	Chair, RAPV Representative	Remote	
Alfonso Nardi	Vice-Chair	Remote	
Judith Crowell	CPC Representative	Present	
Walter Kroll		Present	
Marisa Zorzi		Present	
Vana Nespor		Present	

II. Acceptance of Minutes

III. Public Hearings (Continued)

1. Petition (ID # 7901)

91-97 Chestnut Street

91-97 Chestnut Street: Installation of murals to either side of building

HISTORY:

02/15/24 Historical Commission CONTINUE VOTE

03/21/24 Historical Commission CONTINUE VOTE

Next: 04/04/24

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Next: 04/18/24

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Next: 05/02/24

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Next: 05/16/24

05/16/24 Historical Commission CONTINUE VOTE

Next: 06/06/24

06/06/24 Historical Commission CONTINUE VOTE

Next: 06/20/24

06/20/24 Historical Commission CONTINUE VOTE

Next: 07/18/24

07/18/24 Historical Commission CONTINUE

Next: 08/01/24

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Next: 08/15/24

08/15/24 Historical Commission CONTINUE

Next: 09/05/24

09/19/24 Historical Commission CONTINUE

Next: 10/03/24

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Installation of Dr. Suess themed mural to side facade (South facing facade). Remodel front facade with storefront treatment, which includes the painting of the brick above the windows in a matte black, the installation of the "Pulse Cafe" channeled letter sign, and the installation of a two sided projecting sign.

Additionally, placement of two sidewalk planters matching the BID Downtown planters, as allowed by the City of Springfield within the public way.

Further, it was agreed upon that a mural will not be installed on the Mattoon Street facade (northern facing).

Items were approved by Commission for a Certificate of Appropriateness.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Walsh, Nardi, Crowell, Kroll, Zorzi, Nespor

2. Petition (ID # 8252)

175 Mill Street

175 Mill Street: Erect accessory building/garage (response to stop work order)

HISTORY:

09/19/24 Historical Commission CONTINUE VOTE

Next: 10/03/24

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Withdrawn by applicant during meeting.

RESULT:	WITHDRAWN
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3. Petition (ID # 8254)

77 Clarendon Street

77 Clarendon Street: Several exterior repairs (response to stop work order)

HISTORY:

09/19/24 Historical Commission CONTINUE VOTE

Next: 10/03/24

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Walsh, Nardi, Crowell, Kroll, Zorzi, Nespor

IV. Public Hearings (New)

1. Petition (ID # 8264)

42 Ridgewood Terrace: Mailbox

42 Ridgewood Terrace: Relocate mailbox from front façade to front yard**COMMENTS - Current Meeting:**

Installation of freestanding mailbox within the front yard, approved by Commission for a Certificate of Hardship.

Justification of Hardship: Commission agreed to allow the relocation of the mailbox due to the safety of the postal service mail carriers as well as for the privacy of the program facility clients.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Walsh, Nardi, Crowell, Kroll, Zorzi, Nespor

2. Petition (ID # 8265)

194 Sumner Avenue: Roof Shingles

194 Sumner Avenue: Replacement roof shingles, Spanish terracotta tile to composite tile

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Replacement of existing Spanish terracotta roof tiles with “Decra Villa” composite tiles in the “Woodland Green” color, approved by Commission for a Certificate of Hardship.

Justification of Hardship: Commission agreed to allow the change in material due to the exorbitant cost of replacing the original tile as well as the difficulty of sourcing the original tile. The Commission felt comfortable with the substitute material due to it’s ability to mimic the original tile in design.

RESULT:	APPROVED [5 TO 0]
AYES:	Walsh, Crowell, Kroll, Zorzi, Nespor
RECUSED:	Alfonso Nardi

V. Preservation of Historically Significant Buildings**VI. Other Matters Properly Before the Commission****1. Informational (ID # 8276)**

577 Carew Street: Section 106 Review

577 Carew Street: Section 106 Review - Replace existing antennas

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Commission decided not to open a discussion on the matter and requested the petitioner appear before them for details on the petition to replace antennas on the church’s bell tower.

2. Informational (ID # 8266)

Annual Elections

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COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Commission discussed Community Preservation Committee seat; however, no decision was made to replace Commissioner Crowell.

3. Informational (ID # 8188)

Public Speak-Out Session

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HISTORY:

08/15/24 Historical Commission

09/19/24 Historical Commission

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

No discussion.