



# Historical Commission

Regular

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Andrew Strniste  
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Thursday, June 5, 2025

5:30 PM

Richard Neal Municipal Operations Center

## I. Call to Order

5:30 PM Meeting called to order on June 5, 2025 at Richard Neal Municipal Operations Center, 70 Tapley Street, Springfield, MA.

| Attendee Name   | Title               | Status  | Arrived |
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| Andrew Strniste |                     | Present |         |
| Vincent Walsh   | RAPV Representative | Present |         |
| Alfonso Nardi   | Chair               | Present |         |
| Judith Crowell  | CPC Representative  | Present |         |
| Walter Kroll    |                     | Absent  |         |
| Marisa Zorzi    |                     | Absent  |         |
| Vana Nespor     |                     | Present |         |

## II. Minutes Approval

1. Thursday, May 15, 2025

## III. Environmental Review

### 1. Petition (ID # 8700)

13 Harvard Street (Front Porch)

**13 HARVARD STREET:** Front Porch Renovations

#### COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

William Brock, from the City's Office of Housing, in addition to the project's contractor, were before the Commission to present the application.

W. Brock explained that the project had previously received approval as an Environmental Review; however, during renovation, they discovered significant deterioration. The landowner is proposing to restore the porch and railing to its original historical status.

Commissioner V. Walsh inquired about the lattice and whether there was room to restore the lattice to its original design, as presented in the historical photograph. Then Commissioner V. Walsh inquired as to whether this would be an amendment to the original Environmental Review; Staff Member A. Strniste advised that the application would serve as an amendment.

No public comment was offered by the attending public.

Commissioner V. Walsh made a motion to find that the proposed work would NOT result in an adverse impact in congruence with the original finding. The motion was seconded by Commissioner J. Crowell. With no other discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                               |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Vincent Walsh, RAPV Representative                        |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Judith Crowell, CPC Representative                        |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Vincent Walsh, Alfonso Nardi, Judith Crowell, Vana Nespor |

#### IV. Public Hearings (Continued)

##### 1. Petition (ID # 8600)

23 Spruceland Avenue (Replace Brick Steps)

**23 SPRUCELAND AVENUE:** Replace of Existing Brick Steps

##### HISTORY:

**05/01/25** Historical Commission **CONTINUE VOTE**  
**Next: 05/15/25**

Staff informed the Commission that the Petitioner was out of the country and unavailable to attend the evening's meeting, thus requesting a continuance to the next meeting agenda. Commissioner V. Walsh made a motion to continue the hearing to May 15, 2025. The motion was seconded by Commissioner V. Nespor. With no further discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

**05/15/25** Historical Commission **CONTINUE VOTE**  
**Next: 06/05/25**

Michelle Koch, the landowner of 23 Spruceland Avenue, was before the Commission to present the proposed project.

M. Koch informed the Commission that she would like to remove the end caps, but keep and repurpose as much brick as possible, and then place a blue stone atop as the step. She then informed the Commission that other houses in the area do not have end caps and provided examples of both wood and concrete caps.

The Commission compared the proposal to what had previously existed in the 1939 photograph.

Clarification was sought by Commissioners V. Walsh and W. Kroll about M. Koch's desire to keep the end caps. While M. Koch would love to keep the end caps, she advised that she would likely not be able to afford the cost to repair them, and is therefore, proposing to eliminating the caps and using bluestone tread.

Commissioner V. Walsh advised that should M. Koch dismantle and rebuild the front steps to the same design and material, then the application would qualify as a Certificate of Non-Applicability; however, because of the elimination of the end caps, the Commission needs to review the application. Commissioner V. Walsh then informed M. Koch that he would not approve a black railing similar to what is currently existing, and then opined that he would prefer the end caps to be kept and rebuilt.

The Commission determined that additional information is needed, including a more defined scope of work.

Commissioner V. Walsh made a motion to continue the hearing to the June 5, 2025 meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner M. Zorzi. With no further discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

##### COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Staff Member A. Strniste informed the Commission that the Petitioner had requested a 45-day extension and also requested that the hearing be continued to the Commission's June

26, 2025 special meeting. Commissioner V. Walsh made a motion to approved the 45-day extension request and to continue the hearing to the Commission's June 26, 2025 special meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner V. Nespor. With no discussion on the motion, it was approved unanimously.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>CONTINUE VOTE [UNANIMOUS]</b>                          | <b>Next: 6/26/2025 5:30 PM</b> |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Vincent Walsh, RAPV Representative                        |                                |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Vana Nespor                                               |                                |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Vincent Walsh, Alfonso Nardi, Judith Crowell, Vana Nespor |                                |

## 2. Petition (ID # 8603)

N S Bay Street (01085-0033) (Duplex)

***NS BAY STREET (01085-033):*** Construction of a Duplex

### HISTORY:

**05/01/25** Historical Commission **CONTINUE VOTE**  
Next: 05/15/25

**05/15/25** Historical Commission **CONTINUE VOTE**  
Next: 06/05/25

### COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Michael Simmonds was back before the Commission to present an application relating to the construction of a duplex on vacant property located along Bay Street.

M. Simmonds informed the Commission that modifications to the plans were made and submitted. He advised that he would reduce the height of the proposed rails and include a black pipe rail to meet code.

Chair A. Nardi opened the meeting up to public comment. Jim Boone, from 97 Florida Street, informed the Commission that they had never allowed vinyl siding for new construction projects in the past. Erica Swallow from 64 Washington Road agreed with J. Boone's comments relating to vinyl siding and advised that a new construction project along Firglade Avenue had used Hardie Board siding. Harry Seymour from 68 Washington Road agreed with both J. Boone and E. Swallow and expressed the need for new construction guidelines.

Commissioner V. Walsh read into the record the submitted written comment by J. Boone.

Commissioner V. Walsh then inquired about the dimensions of the corner boards and trim and expressed that he would be in favor of the project with different siding.

M. Simmonds asked if the siding would have to be for the entire building or just the side facing the street; the Commission advised that the siding would need to be for the entire building. M. Simmonds informed the Commission that he did not have an issue with using Hardie Board; however, he contended that the Commission had approved other new construction projects that allowed for vinyl. Commissioner V. Walsh had advised that while new construction with vinyl siding had been approved in the past, the context may have been different.

Chair A. Nardi had advised that the value of the siding was not just for consideration, but also taking into consideration the streetscape and ensuring that there is not changing aesthetics when navigating down the street. He then expressed his appreciation for the effort in making the changes and then confirmed that Hardie Board siding that was 4.5-inch in width would be installed.

Commissioner V. Nespor confirmed that M. Simmonds was amending the application to use Hardie Board siding and wood shakes and scallops.

Commissioner V. Walsh made a motion to accept the application with the amendments presented and discussed - specifically noting that Hardie Board Siding would be installed, wooden shakes and scallops would be installed, and the trim would be painted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner V. Nespor. With no additional discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                               |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Vincent Walsh, RAPV Representative                        |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Vana Nespor                                               |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Vincent Walsh, Alfonso Nardi, Judith Crowell, Vana Nespor |

## V. Public Hearings (New)

### 1. Petition (ID # 8701)

64 Washington Road (Electrical Meter & Heat Pump)

**64 WASHINGTON ROAD:** External Electrical Meter and Heat Pump Installation

#### COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Erica Swallow, the landowner of the subject property, was before the Commission to present the application. The application related to the installation of a heat pump and relocating the electric meter from inside the building to outside building.

E. Swallow explained that she is looking to install AC/Heat on the third floor of the building; however, 200 amps are required instead of the 100 amp system currently installed. Due to the amp upgrade, the electric meter needs to be relocated to the outside of the building. Chair A. Nardi confirmed with E. Swallow that the meter is a standard meter.

Commissioner V. Walsh inquired as to the location of the heat pump compressor unit, which will be located to the rear of the building. When asked about conduits, E. Swallow advised that there will be no conduits - the compressor will connect to the conduits directly through the rear wall. If conduits are required to be installed, the rear conduit would be installed just above the second floor window.

Commissioner V. Nespor asked if electrical meters could be painted; Commissioner V. Walsh advised that they are not supposed to be painted. E. Swallow advised that all three alternate locations for the electric meters were more visible than the proposed location.

During public comment, Harry Seymour from 68 Washington Road, opined that the chosen spot will be hard to see.

Commissioner V. Walsh made a motion to accept the application relating to 64 Washington Road regarding meter upgrades and the heat pump installation as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner J. Crowell. Chair A. Nardi informed E. Swallow that the trouble of connecting through the rear wall may be related to the fire stopper. With no other discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                               |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Vincent Walsh, RAPV Representative                        |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Judith Crowell, CPC Representative                        |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Vincent Walsh, Alfonso Nardi, Judith Crowell, Vana Nespor |

### 2. Petition (ID # 8702)

90 Garfield Street (Solar)

**90 GARFIELD STREET: Solar Powered Panels****COMMENTS - Current Meeting:**

Joel Agnitti, the property owner of 90 Garfield Street, was before the Commission to present the application that relates to the installation of the solar powered panels onto the detached garage.

J. Agnitti informed the Commission that the panels will not be visible from the public right-of-way.

Chair A. Nardi confirmed with J. Agnitti that the conduit will be located in a trench connecting the detached garage equipment with the equipment on the primary building. Commissioner V. Walsh asked if the new equipment on the primary building could be installed towards the bottom of the wood siding. The Petitioner agreed to the proposal.

No public comment relating to the application was offered by the attending.

Commissioner V. Nespor made a motion to approve the application as presented. Commissioner J. Crowell seconded the motion. Commissioner J. Crowell asked if there were any modifications proposed for the detached garage roof; J. Agnitti confirmed that there would no change to the roof. Commissioner V. Walsh opined that the panels being installed on the garage was good. With no other comments, the Commission approved the motion unanimously.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                               |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Vana Nespor                                               |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Judith Crowell, CPC Representative                        |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Vincent Walsh, Alfonso Nardi, Judith Crowell, Vana Nespor |

**3. Petition (ID # 8703)**

93 Clarendon Street (Porch Renovations SWO)

**93 CLARENDON STREET:** Porch Renovations (Response to Building Department Stop Work Order)

**COMMENTS - Current Meeting:**

Jeffrey Scavron, from 245 St. James Avenue, was before the Commission on behalf of the landowner to present the application relating to the replacement of a wooden porch with vinyl features and trex decking.

J. Scavron informed the Commission that the owner of the property was elderly with a day care. The porch was deteriorating and a relative had performed the renovation work - both of whom were unaware approval from the Commission was needed. The landowner chose the best option available - vinyl and trex decking - result in a \$5,000 savings.

Chair A. Nardi asked if the contractor was licensed; J. Scavron was uncertain.

Staff Member A. Strniste informed that the Commission that a building permit was not obtained; that this application precipitated from a Stop-Work-Order by the Building Department.

When viewing the porch that had been replaced using Google Street View, Commissioner V. Walsh advised that what previously existed was not the original railing. Clarification relating to handicapped children was discussed. Commissioner V. Walsh then informed J. Scavron that had the landowner first pursued approval, then Commission could have afforded some flexibility; then advised that the installed floor decking was not going in the correct direction.

Commissioner V. Walsh then opined that he was happy that the posted was kept; while the hardship may not be legitimate, he was unsure where to draw the line for those who complete projects without a permit. Had the railing that was installed been presented, he would not vote to approve the railing; though, the lattice may be okay.

A discussion about the porch decking ensued.

During public comment, J. Boone from 97 Florida Street opined that the replacement porch was looked aesthetically better; however, it was still vinyl, and then advised that landowners need to be held accountable for projects completed without the proper approvals. Ultimately, the landowner had replaced something that was really bad with something not as bad. J. Scavron confirmed that a fine had been issued and paid.

Harry Seymour from 68 Washington Road supported the project, but recommended that the satellite dish be removed. Deborah Novak from 102 Magnolia Terrace opined that what was constructed looked better than was previously there.

Attorney Robert Shewchuk, who represents the City of Springfield, cautioned the Commission as to how the basis they are approving the Hardship Certificate application. Commissioner V. Walsh read the Hardship standard out loud. Attorney R. Shewchuck advised the Commission to be very specific should they approve the application.

Commissioner V. Walsh listed the following reasons as to why the application could be satisfy the hardship standard: the physical conditions of the original porch was in poor condition and was worse from an historic standard point than what was installed; the original porch was not the original porch; and that the original porch posed a safety risk for the children.

A discussion ensued as whether a Building Permit application had been filed with the Building Permit. Chair A. Nardi opined that copies of the Guidelines should be delivered to the contractor.

Commissioner V. Walsh made a motion to continue the hearing to the next meeting agenda - June 26, 2025. The motion was seconded by Commissioner V. Nespor. Staff Member A. Strniste confirmed that there are two meetings left to hear the application within the 60-day review period. July 18, 2025 is the last day to review the application. With no further discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>CONTINUE VOTE [UNANIMOUS]</b>                          | <b>Next: 6/26/2025 5:30 PM</b> |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Vincent Walsh, RAPV Representative                        |                                |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Vana Nespor                                               |                                |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Vincent Walsh, Alfonso Nardi, Judith Crowell, Vana Nespor |                                |

#### 4. Petition (ID # 8704)

WS Buckingham Street (02042-0039) (Single-Family Dwelling)

**WS BUCKINGHAM STREET (02042-0039):** Construction of a Single-Family Dwelling

##### COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Joseph Ruggeri was before the Commission to present the proposed project at WS Buckingham Street relating to a single-family dwelling.

J. Ruggeri advised the proposed single-family will have Hardie Board siding and follow the design of the McKnight neighborhood. Commissioner V. Walsh confirmed that the previous building was a single-family dwelling. A brief discussion regarding an existing tree on the property ensued.

A separate discussion ensued about the orientation of the building and which direction was the front. Chair A. Nardi requested a site plan and observed that the proposed site location, as presented, set behind the front building line of the adjacent properties.

Commissioner V. Walsh advised that shakes on the garage portion of the building was uncommon, that he had concerns about the corner boards, advised that the applicant should ensure that the front porch is functional, that the front porch itself of a historic building does not typically sit that close to the ground, that the front porch would typically have a railing, the front door was not historically appropriate, the faux stone was not really historic, and that the garage being in front is not normally present (though understood why the garage was situated there).

Commissioner J. Crowell opined that the building should look like those in the neighborhood and also be consistent with the neighborhood.

Chair A. Nardi informed the representative that the elevation of the back entry door and front entry door did not align when looking the elevations of the porches and number of steps. Commissioner V. Walsh advised that typically the foundation of a historic building sits higher.

During public comment, Jim Boone from 97 Florida Street advised that the McKnight brothers had deliberately anticipated setbacks when designing the area in the 1870s and 1880s and finds that the garage in the front of the building to be inappropriate.

Commissioner V. Walsh then read J. Boone's and Jennifer Rao's written public comment into the record. Kevin Hadley from 190 Buckingham Street, opined that the project was not close to what was there previously and that a more thorough design would be appropriated. Harry Seymour from 68 Washington Road expressed his disapproval for the proposal and reinforced his position for new construction guidelines.

Commissioner V. Walsh opined that he could not vote in favor of the submitted proposal and suggested that the hearing be continued. Chair A. Nardi advised that the applicant should come back with updated plans.

Commissioner V. Nespor made a motion to continue the hearing to the next available meeting date - June 26, 2025. The motion was seconded by Commissioner J. Crowell, and with no other discussion, approved unanimously.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>CONTINUE VOTE [UNANIMOUS]</b>                          | <b>Next: 6/26/2025 5:30 PM</b> |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Vana Nespor                                               |                                |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Judith Crowell, CPC Representative                        |                                |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Vincent Walsh, Alfonso Nardi, Judith Crowell, Vana Nespor |                                |

## VI. Preservation of Historically Significant Buildings

### 1. Petition (ID # 8705)

289 Tinkham Road (Demo Single-Family Dwelling)

**289 TINKHAM ROAD:** Demolition of a Single-Family Dwelling

#### COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

The landowner for the subject property was not in attendance for the evening's hearing. The Commission advised that they were comfortable moving forward without the applicant.

Commissioner V. Walsh advised that the applicant was seeking to demolish the single-family dwelling and then create a 44-lot subdivision. The subject building was not historically significant. The developer/landowner, Thomas Bretta, performed quality work and has a lot of experience working in the City of Springfield.

Commissioner V. Walsh made a motion to lift the demolition delay restriction and waive the nine-month waiting period. The motion was seconded by Commissioner V. Nespor. With no other discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                               |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Vincent Walsh, RAPV Representative                        |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Vana Nespor                                               |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Vincent Walsh, Alfonso Nardi, Judith Crowell, Vana Nespor |

## VII. CPC Historic Home Restoration Grants

### 1. Petition (ID # 8706)

102 Magnolia Terrace (Exterior Restorations - Windows)

**102 MAGNOLIA TERRACE:** Exterior Restorations (Windows)

#### COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

The landowner, Deborah Novak from 102 Magnolia Terrace, was before the Commission to present the application.

Chair A. Nardi read the project overview from the Hearing Overview packet. D. Novak informed the Commission that she had received a restoration grant, and part of the project will include restoration of the windows, which she had been restoring slowly over time. Commissioner V. Walsh opined that the windows were beautiful.

D. Novak advised that she was not replacing the windows, just restoration. Commissioner V. Walsh confirmed with D. Novak that there will be no change to materials.

Commissioner V. Walsh made a motion to accept the application as non-applicability. The motion was seconded by Commissioner J. Crowell. With no discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                               |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Vincent Walsh, RAPV Representative                        |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Judith Crowell, CPC Representative                        |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Vincent Walsh, Alfonso Nardi, Judith Crowell, Vana Nespor |

### 2. Petition (ID # 8707)

70 Bowdoin Street (Exterior Restorations)

**70 BOWDOIN STREET:** Exterior Restorations

#### COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Danny P. was before the Commission to present the submitted application. Chair A. Nardi read the project synopsis from the Hearing Overview packet.

Danny P. advised that the proposed work was restorative in nature - touching up many of the exterior features of the building. Chair A. Nardi inquired as to whether the mortar of the chimney would be matched to what currently exists or what originally existed; Danny P. advised that they would match the original mortar. Chair A. Nardi then advised to be careful when washing down the bricks and to avoid power washing.

Commissioner V. Nespor made a motion to approve the project as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner J. Crowell. With no further discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                               |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Vana Nespor                                               |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Judith Crowell, CPC Representative                        |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Vincent Walsh, Alfonso Nardi, Judith Crowell, Vana Nespor |

### 3. Petition (ID # 8708)

164-166 Washington Boulevard (Exterior Restorations)

**164-166 WASHINGTON BOULEVARD:** Exterior Restorations

#### COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Ana Maria Leonardo-Ulloa, the property owner of 164-166 Washington Boulevard, was before the Commission to present the project.

Chair A. Nardi read the overview from the Hearing Overview packet.

A. Leonardo-Ulloa elaborated on the project, as well as informed the Commission of deck floorboards that were also intended to be replaced to match the other floorboards.

The Commission discussed the missing details on the back porch.

Commissioner V. Walsh made a motion to accept the application as a non-applicability application. Commissioner V. Nespor seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                               |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Vincent Walsh, RAPV Representative                        |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Vana Nespor                                               |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Vincent Walsh, Alfonso Nardi, Judith Crowell, Vana Nespor |

### 4. Petition (ID # 8709)

71 Westminister Street (Exterior Restorations)

**71 WESTMINISTER STREET:** Exterior Restorations

#### COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Rita Fiorentino, the landowner of 71 Westminister Street, and Natasha Harding from 425 Sumner Avenue, were before the Commission to present the application.

R. Fiorentino provided a synopsis of the proposed work, specifically outlining the replacement of the porch ceiling and advising that the front porch roof may be pitched a little to help with draining. Chair A. Nardi confirmed that should the porch roof be pitched, it would still appear to be flat. Chair A. Nardi and Commissioner V. Walsh informed R. Fiorentino that should she pitch the porch, that would be a separate application and would need to come back before the Commission. Commissioner V. Walsh advised that the Commission has allowed for porch roofs to be pitched the past, it would just need to be approved.

Commissioner V. Walsh made a motion to approve the proposed exterior restoration project as presented in the application and during the evening's meeting, noting that all improvements are in-kind, thus qualifying for a Certificate of Non-Applicability. The motion was seconded by Commissioner J. Crowell. R. Fiorentino asked if the Commission could suggest a contractor. The Commission advised that they cannot make recommendations. The motion was approved unanimously.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                               |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Vincent Walsh, RAPV Representative                        |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Judith Crowell, CPC Representative                        |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Vincent Walsh, Alfonso Nardi, Judith Crowell, Vana Nespor |

## 5. Petition (ID # 8710)

145 Harvard Street: Exterior Restorations

**145 HARVARD STREET:** Exterior Restorations

### COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

The landowner(s), nor a representative, failed to attend the evening's meeting. Commissioner V. Walsh made a motion to continue the agenda item to the June 26, 2025 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Crowell. With no further discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>CONTINUE VOTE [UNANIMOUS]</b>                          | <b>Next: 6/26/2025 5:30 PM</b> |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Vincent Walsh, RAPV Representative                        |                                |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Judith Crowell, CPC Representative                        |                                |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Vincent Walsh, Alfonso Nardi, Judith Crowell, Vana Nespor |                                |

## VIII. Other Matters Properly Before the Commission

### 1. Informational (ID # 8711)

7-9 Stockbridge Street (Letter of Support)

**7-9 STOCKBRIDGE STREET** - Request for Letter of Support

### COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Staff Member A. Strniste informed the Commission that he went ahead and issued a Letter of Support on behalf of the Commission, in coordination with Chair A. Nardi, for the Springfield Preservation Trust relating to their project at 7-9 Stockbridge Street. The deadline to submit the Letter of Support was June 4, 2025.

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| <b>RESULT:</b> | <b>RECEIVED THE REPORT-PASSED</b> |
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### 2. Informational (ID # 8712)

Administrative Updates

**ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES**

### COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Staff Member A. Strniste informed the Commission that he issued five Certificates of Non-Applicability since the Commission's last meeting: a) 43 Oxford Street (asphalt shingle roof to asphalt shingle roof), b) 41 Mattoon Street (structural improvements to the front porch), c) 36 Mattoon Street (structural improvements and replacement of the roof with in-kind materials), d) 90 Clarendon Street (asphalt shingle roof to asphalt shingle roof), and e) 78 Westminster Street (installation of a black metal handrail in accordance with the handrail guidelines).

Staff Member A. Strniste informed the Commission that he verify with Attorney Robert Shewchuk, a City solicitor, that the adoption of guidelines, specifically the proposed Standard Guidelines for those Local Historic Districts without Guidelines, did not City Council approval.

Staff Member A. Strniste inquired with the Commission about a possible special meeting date to solicit feedback from the public regarding the proposed updated Historical Ordinance. The Commission agreed to a special meeting date of Monday, June 16, 2025. Commissioner J. Crowell advised that she was asked about the item during the previous Community Preservation Committee meeting and reserved comments. If any commissioners are unable to attend, they should submit comments ahead of the meeting to Staff Member A. Strniste.

**3. Informational (ID # 8713)**

June 26, 2025 Quorum Call

***JUNE 26, 2025 QUORUM CALL***

**COMMENTS - Current Meeting:**

All attending commissioners advised that they were able to attend the special meeting on Thursday, June 26, 2025.

**4. Informational (ID # 8714)**

Public Speak-Out Session

***PUBLIC SPEAK-OUT SESSION***

**COMMENTS - Current Meeting:**

With no public comment, Commissioner V. Walsh made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded J. Crowell. No further discussion was had and the motion was approved unanimously.