



Historical Commission

Regular

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Thursday, October 6, 2022

5:30 PM

City Hall -- Room 205

I. Call to Order

5:30 PM Meeting called to order on October 6, 2022 at City Hall -- Room 205, 36 Court Street, Springfield, MA.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Thomas Belton		Absent	
Vincent Walsh	Chair	Absent	
Alphonso Nardi	Vice-Chair	Present	
Judith Crowell	CPC Representative	Present	
William Duquette		Present	
Bryan Mcfarland		Absent	
Walter Kroll	Alternate	Present	

II. Acceptance of Minutes

1. Petition (ID # 6974)

Acceptance of Minutes for SHC Meeting Held on Thursday, September 1, 2022

Acceptance of minutes for SHC meeting held on Thursday, September 1, 2022

HISTORY:

09/15/22

Historical Commission CONTINUE VOTE

RESULT: APPROVED [4 TO 0]
AYES: Alphonso Nardi, Judith Crowell, William Duquette, Walter Kroll
ABSENT: Thomas Belton, Vincent Walsh, Bryan Mcfarland

2. Petition (ID # 7037)

Acceptance of Minutes for SHC Meeting Held on September 15, 2022

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RESULT: APPROVED [4 TO 0]
AYES: Alphonso Nardi, Judith Crowell, William Duquette, Walter Kroll
ABSENT: Thomas Belton, Vincent Walsh, Bryan Mcfarland

III. Continued Public Hearings

1. Petition (ID # 6939)

180 St. James Avenue

180 St. James Avenue: Raise existing second floor porch to code height & installation of replacement windows

HISTORY:

08/18/22 Historical Commission **CONTINUE VOTE**

09/01/22 Historical Commission **CONTINUE VOTE**

09/15/22 Historical Commission **CONTINUE VOTE**

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Petitioner submitted a 30-day extension to continue his application in order to source estimates for his window proposal.

RESULT:	CONTINUE VOTE [4 TO 0]
AYES:	Alphonso Nardi, Judith Crowell, William Duquette, Walter Kroll
ABSENT:	Thomas Belton, Vincent Walsh, Bryan Mcfarland

2. Petition (ID # 6975)

93-95 Palmer Avenue

93-95 Palmer Avenue: Installation of solar panels

HISTORY:

09/15/22 Historical Commission **CONTINUE VOTE**

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Petitioner formally withdrew their application for solar array at this site.

RESULT:	WITHDRAWN
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3. Petition (ID # 6977)

70 Buckingham Street

70 Buckingham Street: Replacement of (26) windows

HISTORY:

09/15/22 Historical Commission **CONTINUE VOTE**

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Reason for denial: The proposed windows are not historically appropriate. The proposal included a grid pattern that is not historically accurate and an exterior color that is not historically appropriate. Petitioner may submit an alternative proposal when ready.

RESULT:	FAILED [2 TO 2]
AYES:	Alphonso Nardi, Judith Crowell
NAYS:	William Duquette, Walter Kroll
ABSENT:	Thomas Belton, Vincent Walsh, Bryan Mcfarland

IV. New Public Hearings

1. Petition (ID # 7038)

138-140 Magnolia Terrace

138-140 Magnolia Terrace: Installation of (9) windows

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

The petition was continued until the October 20th SHC meeting to allow for the petitioner to obtain specifications from manufacturer which include exterior grid pattern.

RESULT:	CONTINUE VOTE [4 TO 0]
AYES:	Alphonso Nardi, Judith Crowell, William Duquette, Walter Kroll
ABSENT:	Thomas Belton, Vincent Walsh, Bryan Mcfarland

2. Petition (ID # 7039)

83 Dartmouth Street

83 Dartmouth Street: Installation of solar panels

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Petitioner was not present. Matter was continued to the October 20th meeting.

RESULT:	CONTINUE
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3. Petition (ID # 7040)

730 State Street

730 State Street: Installation of digital signage

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Reason for denial: The proposed digital sign is not historically appropriate. The petitioner can submit a new application with alternative signage when ready.

RESULT:	FAILED [2 TO 2]
AYES:	Alphonso Nardi, Judith Crowell
NAYS:	William Duquette, Walter Kroll
ABSENT:	Thomas Belton, Vincent Walsh, Bryan Mcfarland

4. Petition (ID # 7041)

211 Worthington Street

211 Worthington Street: Installation of unauthorized signage (In response to stop work order)

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Property is located within both a local historic district and an Urban Renewal Area. Springfield Historical Commission approval is contingent upon SRA approval. Petitioner will need to obtain SRA approval to move forward with SHC-approved work.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 0]
AYES:	Alphonso Nardi, Judith Crowell, William Duquette, Walter Kroll
ABSENT:	Thomas Belton, Vincent Walsh, Bryan Mcfarland

V. Environmental Review

VI. Preservation of Historically Significant Buildings

VII. Other Matters Properly Before the Commission

1. Informational (ID # 7043)

78 Bowdoin Street

78 Bowdoin Street: Porch repairs (Application for Non Applicability)

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

The matter was incorrectly designated under non-applicability. It will appear before the Commission at the October 20th meeting under appropriateness.

RESULT:	RECEIVED THE REPORT-PASSED
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2. Informational (ID # 7044)

Discussion: 1400 State Street

Discussion: Recommendation from Springfield Preservation Trust to create a Local Historic District at 1400 State Street

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

This matter will be placed on the October 20th SHC meeting in order to allow for property owner notification and historic consultation.

3. Informational (ID # 7045)

Discussion: Update on Stop Work Orders

Discussion: Update of Stop Work Orders - 65 Dartmouth St, 165 St James Ave, 3 Sumner Ave & 37 George Street

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

The Commission voted to send legal letters to all outstanding Stop Work Orders discussed.

RESULT:	RECEIVED THE REPORT-PASSED
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4. Informational (ID # 6796)

Discussion: Guidelines for New Construction

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HISTORY:

08/18/22 Historical Commission **RECEIVED THE REPORT-PASSED**

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Discussion was continued.

5. Informational (ID # 6808)

Public Speak-Out Session

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HISTORY:

08/18/22

Historical Commission RECEIVED THE REPORT-PASSED

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

David Gaby spoke regarding the current solar array installations in historic districts and new solar technology called building-integrated photovoltaics or BiPV, including a patent-pending Tesla photovoltaic shingle that looks like slate. Mr. Gaby also shared his research on slate roof rehabilitation.