



# City of Malden

## Massachusetts

### MALDEN HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** Wednesday, March 31, 2021

**Location:** Malden City Hall, Small Conference Room, 215 Pleasant Street, Malden, MA.

*Commission Members in attendance:* Barbara Tolstrup, Chair; John Tramondozzi, Vice Chair; Joseph Cesario, Clerk; Inna Babitskaya, Mary Hampton.

*City Staff:* Michelle Romero, City Planner, Liaison to Commission.

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The meeting began at 11:00 am. Tramondozzi chaired the meeting and took a roll call.

Tramondozzi announced the meeting is being held virtually and only remote attendance by members of the public is allowed; Romero read the notice regarding Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and Governor Baker's March 23, 2020 Revised Guidance on Order by the Governor Prohibiting Assemblage of More than Ten People, and Governor's COVID19 Order No. 63. The City provided remote public access to the meeting via technological means (Zoom Webinar meeting ID: 928 3122 1901).

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- 1) 950-970 Eastern Avenue (Parcel ID 126 485 501) Permit #CMID 036853-2021.  
Notice of Intent to Demolish Building/Application for Demolition Permit.  
Determination of Significance, Section 4.24, Demolition & Alteration Delay Ordinance.

The Commission reviewed the Notice of Intent/Application. The Commission discussed the property, which has not been inventoried, and whether the property is architecturally significant or may be deemed significant for other historical reasons.

The Commission made a determination that the building is not significant and its demolition should not be delayed.

*Motion by Cesario, seconded by Tolstrup; all voted in favor; the motion passed (5-0).*

The Commission requests that information be provided for owners listed as "LLC."

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- 2) 384-390 Main Street, a.k.a. 6-22 Pleasant Street (Parcel ID 052 273 301) Permit Application #CMID-036646-2021.  
Notice of Intent to Alter/Demolish Buildings/Application for Building Permits and Demolition Permits Review by Historical Commission. Determination of Significance, Section 4.24, Demolition & Alteration Delay Ordinance.

The Commission reviewed the Notice of Intent/Application. One building at the property, the Dowling Building at 6 Pleasant Street, has been inventoried (MHC MAL. 74) and is part of the Converse Square historic area, which has been inventoried (MHC MAL. A). The Commission discussed how the buildings are connected, the impact of the proposal on the Dowling Building and the historical significance to the community of the buildings proposed to be demolished, known as the Joslin Building and formerly occupied by Jordan Marsh.

The Commission made the determination that the buildings are Significant for their cultural, economic and social significance in the community and a public hearing should be held to discuss if the buildings are Preferably Preserved and the building permits to alter the Dowling Building and demolition permits for the other buildings should be delayed.

*Motion by Cesario, seconded by Babitskaya; all voted in favor; motion passed (5-0).*

The Commission will hire consultant Frank Russell to update the inventory form for the Dowling Building at 6 Pleasant Street and prepare inventory forms for 22 Pleasant Street, the other buildings and the whole site.

*Motion by Tolstrup, seconded by Hampton; all voted in favor; the motion passed (5-0).*

The Commission will schedule a public hearing on April 22 at 6:30 pm to determine whether the buildings are Preferably Preserved and their alterations and demolition should be delayed to explore alternatives.

*Note: After the meeting it was determined that the public hearing could not be held on April 22, due to notice requirements, and the hearing was scheduled for April 29.*

Owner's representative, Jim Sylvia, in attendance remotely, addressed the Commission to state they will provide detailed plans of the project.

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- 4) Other business properly before the Commission.
- a. Wallace Memorial Park Wall Project. Status of CPA FY22 Application. Romero informed the Commission that the Application for Returning Applicants was filed with the Community Preservation Committee.

b. Tolstrup announced she would like to step down as Chair and would like Tramondozi to take the Chair. Tramondozi agreed to serve as Chair “pro-tem” and will chair as Vice Chair for the next several months.

c. Babitskaya gave an update re: the Community Preservation Committee and will forward information re: state Historical Commission workshop on historical districts.

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5) The next meeting will be at 5 pm on Thursday, April 22, 2021, with the public hearing at 6:30 pm.

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The meeting adjourned at 11:42 am.

*Motion by Cesario, seconded by Hampton. All voted in favor; the motion passed (5-0).*

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Respectfully submitted,  
*J.Cesario, Clerk*