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Worcester Telegram Quotes Joshua Lee Smith in "Rehab of old Worcester County Courthouse to start in spring"

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The start of the former Worcester County Courthouse renovation project is delayed until spring because the developer has yet to obtain all the necessary financing for the project.

In the *Worcester Telegram* article, "Rehab of old Worcester County Courthouse to start in spring," attorney Joshua Lee Smith said:

> Because work has not yet started on the parking lot, the original approval is about to expire, necessitating an extension from the Planning Board, according to Joshua Lee Smith, a local lawyer representing Trinity Worcester Courthouse Limited Partnership.
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> In addition to seeking an extension, Mr. Smith said the developer also sought approval to some minor proposed changes to the parking lot plan – specifically having to do with the parking lot off Harvard Street.
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> He said the scope of the parking lot changes maintain the previously approved layout and are intended to make it safer and more efficient.
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> Mr. Smith said the amendment maintains the number of parking spaces at 130 and no changes are planned for the parking lot off Highland Street.
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> He added that some minor changes have also been proposed for the landscaping of the site.
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> "Trinity has yet to commence construction with respect to the parking area that was approved in December 2017 because it has yet to obtain its financing in connection with the overall project," Mr. Smith said.
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> "Trinity fully expects to obtain the rest of its financing in the early part of this year," he added. "The conversion of a courthouse that has sat vacant for a number of years to a multifamily use – a vital bookend of Main Street – is certainly important to the neighborhood and to the city. This is a project the city has long awaited to come to fruition."

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