

**Newburyport Local Historic District Study Committee 15 January 2008  
Meeting Minutes**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Newburyport Local Historic District Study Committee was called to order at 7:38. Present: Doug Locy, Brian Tierney, Linda Smiley, Greg Colling, Sarah White, and Margaret Welch.

**Review of Minutes**

The review of 29 November 2007 minutes were approved (1 abstention, 1 absent).

**New Business**

Chair Smiley proposed that Sarah White becomes the new chair and that she becomes vice-chair. The committee agreed. Although the new chair will be away for the next month, she will be available through email and cell phone.

**Old Business**

The new chair will be the point of contact for the preservation consultant after the consultant is hired. Planning Director Colbert may continue to seek other applicants as only one person responded to the Request for Proposals. A February interview between this applicant and the LHDSC will be sought.

The LHSC will have a regularly scheduled meeting on 28 February and will hold meetings every second and fourth Thursdays beginning in March.

City Council President James Shanley said that the new City Council might be receptive to a proposed LHD.

The boundaries of the proposed LHD were discussed. Members spoke of an urgency to decide what areas to include in the questionnaire to property owners. LHDSC members voted unanimously to designate the existing National Register District as the target area for the questionnaire.

Member Welch will contact administrators and commissioners regarding the local historic districts in Salem, Haverhill, Andover, and Springfield. She will also contact Rebecca Lacy about her availability to make up the questionnaire. Sarah White will distribute a proposed survey by the Newburyport Preservation Trust re: general historic preservation issues in the city in advance.

Members of the Fruit Street LHD Study Committee will be invited to the 13 March meeting.

Meeting ended 8:50.