

**Newburyport Local Historic District Study Committee 28 February 2008
Meeting Minutes**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Newburyport Local Historic District Study Committee was called to order at 7:36. Present: Linda Smiley, Greg Colling, Sarah White, and Margaret Welch.

Review of Minutes

Minutes of 15 January approved (4 yes, 3 absent).

New Business

Chair White reported that Delores Person has resigned from the Study Committee. She will inform the Mayor, and committee members will ask for suggestions for potential replacements from the Newburyport real estate community.

Chair White led a discussion re: the continuing search for a preservation planner consultant.

Members discussed the possibility of meeting administrators of local historic districts in similar communities such as Salem, Methuen, and North Andover.

Old Business

Chair White distributed the draft questionnaire re: growth issues compiled by the Preservation Trust last year. She will attempt to set up a meeting with research and marketing specialist Rebecca Lucy to discuss the questionnaire to be sent to property owners in the National Register District.

Member Smiley spoke of a conversation with a reporter from the *Current* re: the current lack of protections for historic buildings in Newburyport.

Meeting ended 8:40.