

**Newburyport Local Historic District Study Committee 12 March 2008  
Meeting Minutes**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Newburyport Local Historic District Study Committee was called to order at 7:34 in the Conference Room, Police Station. Present: Doug Locy, Brian Tierney, Greg Colling, Sarah White, and Margaret Welch.

**Review of Minutes**

Approval of minutes of 28 February moved to next meeting due to lack of a quorum.

**Old Business**

Chair White reviewed the action items from the last meeting. The clerk will research a location for the next meeting. Chair White has scheduled Rebecca Lucy, a market researcher who will formulate the property owner questionnaire, and Liz Southworth, chair of the Fruit Street LHD Study Committee, for the next meeting.

Members Tierney and Locy agreed to meet with the Clerk of Salem's local historic district commission in April (Chair White will schedule the meeting). A discussion arose about the possibility of creating a local historic district commission separate from the Newburyport Historical Commission; some members preferred one entity in charge of historical review. It was suggested that the preservation planning consultant could lead the committee through such an issue. Members should bring questions for Tierney and Locy next meeting.

Chair White will write a letter to the Mayor relating Dolores Person's resignation.

Planning Director Colbert will contact another person to apply as the preservation planner consultant position. One applicant who responded to the RFP is no longer interested.

**New Business**

Chair White handed out a draft timeline.

Members discussed questions for the property owner survey. Members were interested in finding out what property owners knew and felt about LHDs. It was suggested that the survey contain questions similar to "Do you believe that development has diminished the historical nature of your neighborhood?"

The survey should be accompanied by an explanation of LHDs. The Planning Director will be consulted about the survey, and a press release will be sent out just before the survey.

Meeting ended 9:25.