

Newburyport Local Historic District Study Committee 24 April 2008
Meeting Minutes

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Newburyport Local Historic District Study Committee was called to order at 7:32 in the Conference Room, Police Station. Present: Doug Locy, Greg Colling, Brian Tierney, Sarah White, and Margaret Welch. Guests: Rebecca Lucy, Nancy Colbert.

New Business

Chair White asked members to bring questions for the Salem LHD administrator to the next meeting.

Christopher Skelly of MHC had a conversation with Chair White about a forum on LHDs to be held in Newburyport. It is hoped that representatives from the National Preservation Trust and Historic New England will participate.

Nancy Colbert, Planning Director, introduced the preservation architecture team, TTL-architects, based in Portland, Me. Julie Ann Larry and Geoff Melhuish spoke about their firm's experience providing preservation planning to Massachusetts cities. Their resumes and a sample from their firm's "Kennebunk Historic Preservation Overlay District Design Guidelines" were provided. Planning Director Colbert expressed satisfaction with the team. The LHDSC voted to hire TTL-architects as the consultants (5 yes, 1 absent). The Planning Director will send them a notice to proceed and then the contract.

Old Business

The LHDSC reviewed the first draft of the property owner survey with Rebecca Lucy. The Planning Director, Ms. Larry, and Mr. Melhuish also contributed their opinions. Ms. Lucy will rewrite the questions in time for the next meeting. Chair White will bring the educational information and coordinate with the printer.

Meeting ended 9:23.