

Newburyport Historical Commission
City Council Chambers
October 16, 2014
Minutes

1. Call to Order

Chair Linda Smiley called a regular meeting of the Newburyport Historical Commission to order at 7:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

In attendance were members Linda Smiley, Malcolm Carnwath, Mark Bilodeau, Ned McGrath, Sarah White, Stephen Dodge and Margaret Welch. Peter Binette was also in attendance.

3. Advisory Review

122 Merrimac Street

Mark Griffin spoke on behalf of Craig Pessina. He said a condition imposed by the Planning Board for a special permit for the development at 122 Merrimac Street was that the Historical Commission would hold a preservation restriction on the barn. He asked for guidance with the preparation of a list of items to be preserved. The Commission members will visit the site informally and review the draft language of the preservation restriction for approval at a future meeting. Mr. Griffin was asked to provide a photograph of each item that is to be included in the restriction.

4. Minutes

Linda Smiley moved to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2104 meeting as submitted. Mark Bilodeau seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

5. Correspondence

A letter was received from the Massachusetts Historical Commission regarding 37.5 Forrester Street, where existing “stealth” chimneys used to hid antennas on the roof are to be replaced with slightly larger units. Linda Smiley will notify MHC the Commission voted at its September 4, 2014 meeting that the action would have no adverse impact on the historic property.

A package was received from Mass Department of Transportation on the plans for the construction of the second phase of the Clipper City Rail Trail. Mass DOT has requested MHC to concur that the project would not negatively impact the character defining aspects of the historic district. A Section 106 review is being conducted because Federal funds are being used for the project.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.