

Newburyport Historical Commission
Minutes of the 18 October 2012 Meeting

1. Call to Order

The regularly scheduled meeting the Newburyport Historical Commission was called to order at 7:35 in the City Council Chambers, City Hall. Present: Steve Dodge, Tom Kolterjahn, Ned McGrath, Bill Todd, and Margaret Welch. Absent: Linda Smiley. Tom Kolterjahn acted as Chair.

2. Demolition Applications

29-31 Fair Street (Vincent Gallucci and Chuck Smith, applicants) – Mr. Gallucci and Smith presented their house renovations plans to make the third floor handicapped accessible. They propose a tower to hold an elevator to be placed in back where the bulkhead is now located. They wanted to keep as much of the interior intact and so placed the elevator separately. A note from a former owner said that the small addition to be removed was built in 1914.

NHC member McGrath noted that the front elevation would remain the same and had no objections to the plans. NHC member Kolterjahn wished to know more about the impact of the tower on the view from Spring Street. NHC member Todd wished to see the site. NHC member Welch said that moving the elevator outside the original core was a good idea. NHC member Steve Dodge knew the property and thought the plans a good fit. The NHC voted the building historically significant (5 yes, 1 absent). The elevator tower would be five feet by six feet. A site visit was scheduled.

3. Review of Minutes

Review of the minutes of 20 September was deferred due to lack of quorum.

Meeting adjourned 8:07.