

Newburyport Historical Commission  
Minutes of the 6 October 2011 Meeting

**1. Call to Order**

The regularly scheduled meeting the Newburyport Historical Commission was called to order at 7:37 in the City Council Chambers, City Hall. Present: Tom Kolterjahn, Steve Dodge, Ned McGrath, Linda Smiley, Bill Todd, and Margaret Welch.

**2. Guests**

Greg Colling, the Chair of the Customs House Building Committee, discussed the roof repairs to be funded out of the CPA award. He displayed photographs of the roof with lost snow guards, exposed roof sheathing, and deteriorated flashing. The 2004 condition report by Finch & Rose reported these conditions. The CHMM will repoint the chimneys and parapet and recap the chimneys. Mr. Colling's objective is to get the building envelope in better shape.

NHC member Kolterjahn was pleased about the direction of the repairs which, if done correctly, will last a long time. The NHC will write a letter about the repairs to the Building Inspector.

**3. Demolition Applications**

*Columbia Construction Company for National Grid (95 Water Street)* – Chair Smiley had not received any information about the age of the office building slated for demolition. She will inquire again.

*251 Merrimac Street (Brad Kutcher, applicant)* – After Chair Smiley wrote up the elements to be preserved in a memorandum, Mr. Kutcher informed her that his flooring contractors were concerned about removing paint from the soft wood floors. Chair Smiley will revise the memo.

**Old Business**

*36A Atkinson Street (preservation restriction)* – Chair Smiley wrote the letter approving the storm windows.

**Correspondence Received**

Copy of letter from MHC re: DCR removing coop from Maudslay farm. The building will be documented before demolition.

**Review of Minutes**

Minutes of 15 September approved (6 yes).

*Meeting ended 8:25.*