

Newburyport Historical Commission  
Minutes of the 5 January 2012 Meeting

**1. Call to Order**

The regularly scheduled meeting the Newburyport Historical Commission was called to order at 7:33 in the City Council Chambers, City Hall. Present: Steve Dodge, Tom Kolterjahn, Ned McGrath, Linda Smiley, Bill Todd, and Margaret Welch.

**2. Demolition Applications**

*City of Newburyport Re: Spring Lane Pump and Valve House* – Paul Colby of the Water Department and other project members discussed the plan to tear down both structures, now not used, and to restore the area to grass. They explained that the buildings could not be made open to the public and could not be used for storage of vehicles and other equipment by city employees due to the strict Zone A water supply protection area regulations in response to NHC members' questions about potential reuse. Mr. Colby knew of old photographs. The NHC approved demolition of the structures on the conditions of copies of the photographs and other historical materials be given to the City Archives at the library (6 yes).

**3. Old Business**

Pieter Harford discussed the MHC request for architectural assessment re: Coombs Wharf. The NHC will make those recommendations and will visit the site to discuss where the granite markers will be located.

NHC member provided an update on the Powder House's fencing and landscaping.

**4. Demolition Applications (cont.)**

*28 Boardman St. (Michael Cebula, applicant)* – No one represented the project. The NHC members generally had a positive reaction to the addition in back of the house but wished to doublecheck some details with the owner.

**5. Old Business**

*3-5 Pine Street* – NHC members Kolterjahn and Dodge observed that more material had been removed than had been agreed upon. Member Kolterjahn will speak to the contractor.

*28-30 Warren Street* – The project architect had contacted the NHC with the news that the chimney had collapsed during renovation.

### **Review of Minutes**

Minutes of 1 December approved (6 yes). There was not a second meeting in December.

### **Correspondence Received**

MHC wrote that a raised shanty at Maudslay State Park would be photodocumented before its destruction as MHC had decided that no feasible or prudent alternatives to demolition.

*Meeting ended 8:35.*