

Newburyport Historical Commission
City Hall Conference Room
February 19, 2015
Minutes

1. Call to Order

Chair Linda Smiley called a regular meeting of the Newburyport Historical Commission to order at 7:35 p.m.

2. Roll Call

In attendance were members Linda Smiley, Sarah White, Stephen Dodge and Mark Bilodeau. Assistant Building Inspector Peter Binette was also in attendance.

3. Demolition Applications

Joseph and Jamie Spinelli c/o Mark Griffin, Esq.

10 67th Street

Full Building Demolition

The applicant is proposing to demolish a 2,348 square foot ranch-style house built around 1900. Attorney Griffin said the structure is in poor condition. Linda Smiley moved the structure is not historically significant. Sarah White seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. General Business

Betsy Ware, 84 Federal Street, informed the Commission members about a project at 15 Tremont Street for which the Zoning Board had approved a special permit. An 1874 barn would be demolished and a two-and-a-half story structure with a two-car garage would be constructed in its place. A one-story connector would attach the new unit to the existing structure. The property is in the demolition overlay district. A National Register District survey sheet was not created for the barn. The DCOD does not apply to structures that do not have listing sheets. Assistant Building Commissioner Peter Binette said he issued a denial for the house. The barn was not included in the denial because it does not have a separate listing.

The Commission members discussed the process at length with Mr. Binette. Initially the Building Department reviews projects for zoning changes alone and only plot plans are submitted. Full sets of plans are reviewed when they are submitted for building permits. The Tremont Street project would be sent to the Historical Commission for review after the applicant seeks a building permit because dormers are planned for the structure.

5. Minutes

The approval of the minutes of the February 5, 2015 meeting was deferred.

6. Correspondence

None

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.