Newburyport Historical Commission

Minutes of the 3 February 2011 Meeting

1. Call to Order

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Newburyport Historical Commission (NHC) was called to order at 7:35 in the Council Chambers, City Hall. Present: Linda Smiley, Tom Kolterjahn, and Margaret Welch. Absent: Ned McGrath and Stephen Feige.

2. Demolition Applications

14 Johnson Street (Katherine Nye, applicant)—Due to the lack of a quorum, the Commission could not vote on historic significance or whether to invoke the delay. Because the clock had "run out" on the determination of historic significance, the demolition application will be automatically granted. Members Smiley and Kolterjahn believed that most of the building dated from the 20th century from the observations they made at the site visit.

3. Old Business

Update on Coombs and Lower Bartlett Wharves – William Harris, 56 Lime Street, and Pieter Harford, project manager for the sewage wastewater project, discussed possible funding mechanisms for salvaging a five-foot section of the Lower Bartlett Wharf for eventual donation to the Custom House Maritime Museum. Mr. Harris has previously received a budget from the Conservation Services of the Maryland Archaeological Conservation Laboratory not to exceed four thousand dollars. The Commission could not vote the Lower Bartlett Wharf historically significant due to lack of quorum.

Meeting ended 8:05.