

**Newburyport Historical Commission**  
City Council Chambers  
February 5, 2015  
Minutes

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Linda Smiley called a regular meeting of the Newburyport Historical Commission to order at 7:32 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

In attendance were members Linda Smiley, Mark Bilodeau, Malcolm Carnwath, Steve Dodge, and Margaret Welch. Assistant Building Commissioner Peter Binette was present.

**3. Demolition Applications**

**Travis Scott, Spectrum Exteriors, LLC**

40 Washington Street

Partial Building Demolition

Travis Scott presented plans to renovate a three-unit building located at the intersection of Winter Street and Washington Street into two residences. The plans include adding shed dormers and removing a chimney. Members discussed at length whether the proposed shed dormers would diminish the historic nature of the structure. Members voted that the building was historically significant, 3-2. It was agreed that the chimney was not a character-defining feature and could be removed. Members approved a plan to move the shed dormers at least 32 inches from the front plane and to use six over six windows with integral muntins (5 yes, 2 absent). Member Carnwath offered to suggest possible dormer styles.

**4 Advisory Review**

**8 Oakland Street**

No one was present to represent the project.

**5. Correspondence**

In a letter dated January 22, 2015, Norman Hansen, coordinator of the Belleville Church façade restoration project, requested Commission provide a letter of recommendation for a 2015 Community Preservation Funds application. Chair Smiley will write the letter of support.

**6. General Business**

Peter Binette confirmed that the proposed demolition of the barn behind the Twomey-LeBlanc-Conte house at 193 High Street fell under the demolition delay law, not the newly enacted demolition control ordinance. Therefore, the barn may be demolished after a one-year delay. Mr. Binette will look into the issue of the window replacements at 37 Middle Street.

**7. Minutes**

The members voted to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2014 meeting as submitted.

**8. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.