

Newburyport Historical Commission
City Council Chambers
September 26, 2018
Minutes

1. Call to Order

Acting Chair Stephen Dodge called a regular meeting of the Newburyport Historical Commission to order at 7:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

In attendance were members Stephen Dodge, Ron Ziemba, Glenn Richards, Malcolm Carnwath and Christopher Fay. Ned McGrath participated by telephone. Sarah White absent.

3. General Business

Katharine Mulligan Lord c/o Lisa Mead, Esq.

9 Orange Street

Modification of Preservation Restriction

DCOD Advisory Review

Lisa Mead represented the applicant and said that since 2010 the NHC has held a preservation restriction on the structure. The applicant is requesting to modify this preservation restriction in order to construct a 134-square foot addition at the rear of the structure. The second-story addition would house a bathroom and closet. It would not alter the footprint or extend above the roofline of the main house.

Ned McGrath moved to notify the Planning Board and Zoning Board that the Historical Commission approves of the modification of the preservation restriction according to the plans as presented. Christopher Fay seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Claire and Paul Bloom c/o Mark Griffin, Esq.

20 Fair Street, Unit 2

DOD Advisory Review

Patrick Heffernan represented the applicant, who is proposing to remove a 104 square-foot sunporch from an 1840 Greek Revival structure. In addition, a door would be removed from the sunporch area and a slider would be added near the rear of the structure. Three windows would be moved and replaced with three windows in a different configuration. The existing windows and siding are of vinyl and vinyl replacement windows would be installed. The applicant's representative argued the work involves the alteration of exterior features that are not historic and would not detract from the integrity of the form of the structure. The Commission members suggested that more period-appropriate window treatments could be installed that then might be augmented by future property owners. They concluded the applicant should be allowed to proceed with the plans as presented because the structure has been heavily modified and the changes would not impact the view from the street.

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Braden Monaco

18 Sylvester Street

Demolition Delay Historical Significance Determination

Ned McGrath refrained from participating in the discussion because he was not able to view the materials the applicant displayed at the meeting. Stephen Dodge moved the structure is not historically significant because numerous have be made and little of the original house remains. Christopher Fay seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Ned McGrath abstaining.

Ramaker & Associates, Inc. for SprintCom, Inc.

25 Temple Street

Section 106 Review

The applicant is proposing to upgrade the existing antennae and equipment on the top of the building. The new antennas would be painted to match the façade of the host structure. The Commission members had no comment on the proposal.

4. Minutes

Glenn Richards moved to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2018, meeting as submitted. Christopher Fay seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Ned McGrath abstaining.

5. Adjournment

Ned McGrath moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Ron Ziemba seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.