

**City of Newburyport  
Planning Board  
May 24, 2021  
Approved Minutes**

The online meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Council President Jared Eigerman call the Joint City Council & Planning Board Meeting to order and asked City Clerk Richard Jones to call the roll.

**1. Roll Call**

Attendance for the Planning Board: Alden Clark, Beth DeLisle, Anne Gardner, Tania Hartford, Bonnie Sontag, MJ Verde, and Rick Taintor

Absent: Leah McGavern, and Don Walters

Attendance for the City Council: Barry Connell, Jared Eigerman, Afroz Khan, Jim McCauley, Heather Shand, Charlie Tontar, Bruce Vogel, Christine Wallace, and Sharif Zeid

Andrew Port, Director of Planning & Development and City Clerk Richard Jones were also present.

**2. Joint Public Hearing with the City Council**

- a) *Executive Session ( Pursuant to M.G.L. C. 30A Section 21, to discuss strategy with respect to litigation in the matter of Institution for Savings in Newburyport and its Vicinity v City of Newburyport Planning Board (93 State Street), as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body.)*

Councilors Joe Devlin and Byron Lane were present for this agenda item.

Councilor Barry Connell made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing 93 State Street and the pending legislation in Land Court. Councilor Heather Shand seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

**Motion Approved.**

Rick Taintor made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing 93 State Street and the pending litigation in Land Court. Beth DeLisle seconded the motion, and all members present voted in favor.

**Motion Approved.**

The City Clerk stated that the City Council will be back in session for the regular City Council Meeting at 8:00 PM. The Planning Board will not be returning to a public meeting following the Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted -- Linda Guthrie