

Fruit Street Local Historic District Commission
Meeting Minutes – November 12, 2009
City Hall

Meeting of the Fruit Street Local Historic District Commission was called to order at 6:05 PM.

Roll Call

Present: Maurice Southworth, Tom Bower, Stephen Feige, Bonnie Sontag, Kevin Wallace

Absent: None

General Business

a) Approval of Minutes

Tom Bower made a motion to approve meeting minutes for May 14, 2009

Bonnie Sontag seconded the motion.

Minutes approved unanimously.

Correspondence

None

Old Business

Discussed the ordinance amendment, which was approved by the Newburyport City Council before it was discovered that a second reading was required. The second reading was done and the amendment approved again, 9 in favor and 2 opposed. The changes to the ordinance will be posted online once the code is updated.

New Business

Joannie Purinton, the owner of 7 Fruit Street, contacted Maurice about significantly rotted roof trim and gutter work that needed to be done immediately. Ms. Purinton had received a proposal for the work from Byfield contractor, Rick True, indicating that he would replace/duplicate the trim work and detail. In order to secure the service of Rick True, Ms. Purinton needed an immediate response from the Commission, otherwise, she would have to wait while he took on another job. Based on further discussion with Ms. Purinton, Maurice sent a letter stating that the scope of work met the exclusion requirements of the ordinance. Stephen expressed some concern about how contractors view “duplicating existing” materials. Maurice informed Ms. Purinton that his immediate action was an exception and that, in the future, she must adhere to the guidelines.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Kevin M. Wallace - Note Taker.