

# Newburyport Historical Commission

## Minutes of the 1 November 2012 Meeting

### **1. Call to Order**

The regularly scheduled meeting the Newburyport Historical Commission was called to order at 7:30 in the City Council Chambers, City Hall. Present: Steve Dodge, Tom Kolterjahn, Ned McGrath, Linda Smiley, Bill Todd, and Margaret Welch.

### **2. Demolition Applications**

*29-31 Fair Street (Vincent Gallucci and Chuck Smith, applicants)* – After making a site visit, the NHC gave ideas for redesigning the back addition in an advisory capacity. NHC member Kolterjahn said that the applicants' home was a "wonderful building." Chair Smiley suggested three dormer windows be added to the back with the middle dormer integrating the tower needed for the elevator instead of the shed dormer proposed at the last meeting. Mr. Gallucci and Mr. Smith said that they would consider the suggestion.

The NHC voted to approve changing the roofline to allow the necessary changes requested by the applicants (6 yes). It was left to the applicants' discretion which design to follow.

### **3. Advisory Review**

The owner of 16 Hill Street wishes to remodel the kitchen by adding a four-foot bumpout. Because the new design did not involve changing the original building, the project would not be reviewed under the Demolition Delay Ordinance.

Al Cifford spoke about demolishing 14 Russia Street; he wished the NHC to make a site visit. The older portion of the structure had been contemporized and had 1980s additions added.

### **4. Review of Minutes**

The minutes of 18 October were approved with amendments (5 yes, 1 abstention).

### **5. New Business**

Planning Director Andy Port discussed the time frames in the current Demolition Delay Ordinance. He also said that the ordinance as now written does not permit the NHC to make adherence to architectural plans a condition of approval. The Planning Board and ZBA can place conditions.

*Meeting adjourned 8:25.*