Newburyport Historical Commission

November 28, 2018 City Council Chambers Minutes

1. Call to Order

Acting Chair Stephen Dodge called a regular meeting of the Newburyport Historical Commission to order at 7:31 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

3. General Business

Dennis Flynn 262 Merrimac Street

Request for Approval of Work Subject to a Preservation Restriction

The property owner is requesting permission to install light fixtures to the left side of the front and side doors. Currently fixtures are attached to the structure on the right side of each door, which does not provide enough light. The new fixtures would match the existing ones. Stephen Dodge moved to amend the preservation restriction. Christopher Fay seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mike Moskowitz

Kelley School, 151 High Street

Request for Approval of Work Subject to Preservation Restriction

Mike Moskowitz provided the materials the Commission members requested at the last meeting. He proposed that the roof-top ventilation system for the elevator be enclosed with a black horizontal aluminum siding system. The material would echo that used on the balconies. Stephen Dodge moved to approve the treatment of the elevator ventilation system as proposed. Glenn Richards seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

It had originally been proposed that the fireplaces located in each unit be vented through the walls of the structure. The front units would be vented through the side walls and the rear units would be vented through the rear wall. The Commission members were concerned that this would detract from the brickwork. The applicant presented an alternative of roof vents, with no direct venting through the brick. The vents would be painted black. Stephen Dodge moved to approve option #2 as presented, with the fireplaces being vented through the roof. Glenn Richards seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Glenn Richards commented that he does not like the appearance of the wall that was installed along the sidewalk. Some of the wall is dry and some has been mortared. He was asked to bring his concerns to the attention of Jennifer Blanchet.

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4. Minutes

Glenn Richards moved to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2018 meeting as submitted. Ned McGrath seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Glenn Richards moved to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2018 meeting as submitted. Christopher Fay seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Glenn Richards moved to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2018 meeting as submitted. Malcolm Carnwath seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Glenn Richards moved to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2018 meeting as submitted. Ned McGrath seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

5. Adjournment

Ned McGrath moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. Glenn Richards seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.