

Newburyport Historical Commission
City Council Chambers
January 25, 2017
Minutes

1. Call to Order

Chair Sarah White called a regular meeting of the Newburyport Historical Commission to order at 7:34 p.m.

2. Roll Call

In attendance were members Sarah White, Malcolm Carnwath and Stephen Dodge. Mark Bilodeau and Ned McGrath were absent.

3. General Business

Heritage Landing/Mark Griffin, Esq.

122 Merrimac Street

Preservation Restriction

The project to construct multiple units on a single lot required a 6(C) special permit from the Planning Board. To fulfill the public benefit requirement for the special permit the applicant agreed to place a preservation restriction on the barn. The discussion was tabled from the January 11 meeting because the members had not had the opportunity to review the preservation restriction. Malcolm Carnwath moved to approve the preservation restriction for 122 Merrimac Street as submitted. Stephen Dodge seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mark Griffin, Esq.

48 Boardman Street

Preservation Restriction

At the January 11 meeting the Commission voted to accept the document pending the receipt of photographs of the items that were included in the preservation restriction. The photographs were delivered to the Planning Office and were sent to the members electronically. Malcolm Carnwath moved to accept the preservation restriction for 48 Boardman Street with the inclusion of the additional photographs. Stephen Dodge seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion of the Intermodal Parking Facility Design

The latest design for the parking garage is not yet available for review. The discussion will be tabled until the plans have been received.

Review of Draft Letter of Support for the Central Congregational Church's Steeple Restoration Project

Malcolm Carnwath moved to approve the letter of support for CPA funding for the Central Congregational Church's steeple restoration project as amended. Stephen Dodge seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

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4. Correspondence

Request for Letter of Support for the Firehouse

Malcolm Carnwath moved to provide a letter of support to the Society for the Development of Arts and Humanities for a Massachusetts Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit for the Old Market House. Stephen Dodge seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

5. Minutes

Malcolm Carnwath moved to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2017 meeting as submitted. Sarah White seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

6. Public Comment

Tom Kolterjahn, 64 Federal Street, asked about the progress that has been made in gathering existing preservation restrictions in one location. Fourteen have been listed on the website to date. Members of the Newburyport Preservation Trust will contact the Planning Office to encourage the Commission's review of the restrictions before work on a project is allowed to begin.

7. Adjournment

Sarah White moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Malcolm Carnwath seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.