

Newburyport Historical Commission
City Council Chambers
February 5, 2015
Minutes

1. Call to Order

Chair Linda Smiley called a regular meeting of the Newburyport Historical Commission to order at 7:32 p.m.

2. Roll Call

In attendance were members Linda Smiley, Mark Bilodeau, Malcolm Carnwath, Steve Dodge, and Margaret Welch. Assistant Building Commissioner Peter Binette was present.

3. Demolition Applications

Travis Scott, Spectrum Exteriors, LLC

40 Washington Street

Partial Building Demolition

Travis Scott presented plans to renovate a three-unit building located at the intersection of Winter Street and Washington Street into two residences. The plans include adding shed dormers and removing a chimney. Members discussed at length whether the proposed shed dormers would diminish the historic nature of the structure. Members voted that the building was historically significant, 3-2. It was agreed that the chimney was not a character-defining feature and could be removed. Members approved a plan to move the shed dormers at least 32 inches from the front plane and to use six over six windows with integral muntins (5 yes, 2 absent). Member Carnwath offered to suggest possible dormer styles.

4 Advisory Review

8 Oakland Street

No one was present to represent the project.

5. Correspondence

In a letter dated January 22, 2015, Norman Hansen, coordinator of the Belleville Church façade restoration project, requested Commission provide a letter of recommendation for a 2015 Community Preservation Funds application. Chair Smiley will write the letter of support.

6. General Business

Peter Binette confirmed that the proposed demolition of the barn behind the Twomey-LeBlanc-Conte house at 193 High Street fell under the demolition delay law, not the newly enacted demolition control ordinance. Therefore, the barn may be demolished after a one-year delay. Mr. Binette will look into the issue of the window replacements at 37 Middle Street.

7. Minutes

The members voted to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2014 meeting as submitted.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.