

Newburyport Historical Commission
Minutes of the March 18, 2010 Meeting

1. Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Newburyport Historical Commission was called to order by Chair Linda Smiley at 7:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

In attendance were members Linda Smiley, Tom Kolterjahn, Stephen Feige and Margaret Welch.

3. Advisory Review

None

4. Demolition Applications

28 Green Street

Dr. Saira Naseer Ghiasuddin and Dr. Salman Ghiasuddin

The Commission members visited the site on March 13. Architect Scott Brown said the portion of the structure that the applicants are proposing to remove does not have many significant features. Linda Smiley said the Commission would normally ask that the roof of the addition be lower than that of the original structure but in this case the proposed roofline is acceptable. It was recommended that the details of the addition vary from those of the original building. Scott Brown said he would omit the dentils and the head casings. Commission members disagreed on the type of windows that might be appropriate but the comments were only advisory in nature. Linda Smiley moved to release the project for partial demolition with the condition that the Palladian window is retained. Tom Kolterjahn seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. Linda will send letter in support of the project to the ZBA.

247 Water Street

Elizabeth Nietsch

Partial Demolition

The applicant did not attend the meeting. She is proposing to remove a screen porch and deck. Linda Smiley moved that the structure is historically significant. Tom Kolterjahn seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. Linda will inform the planning office that the applicant must provide a more complete set of drawings.

5. Other Business

Commission members discussed if any action should be taken with regards to 133 Ferry Road, where a preservation restriction was in place but only 15-20% of the original building was left after the work. It had been expected that the owners would keep the framing and sheathing and they went much further than was anticipated. The Planning Office should make sure that the Building Commission is aware of any preservation restrictions that exist when building permits are pulled.

6. Minutes

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Tom Kolterjahn moved to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2010 minutes as amended. Linda Smiley seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.