

**Newburyport Historical Commission**  
City Council Chambers  
March 9, 2016  
Minutes

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Sarah White called a regular meeting of the Newburyport Historical Commission to order at 7:30 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

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

**3. Demolition Applications**

**Bradley Kutcher**

**5 South Pond Street**

**Full Building Demolition**

Bradley Kutcher said the structure contains nothing of historic value and he wishes to demolish it and replace it with a new structure. The replacement structure would be of clapboards or Hardie board siding. Wood trim would be used predominately, but Azek trim board would be used in areas prone to rot.

Sarah White opened the hearing to comments from the public. Tom Kolterjahn, 64 Federal Street, asked about the age of the structure. It is a 1920s structure that has been modified. Stephanie Niketic, 93 High Street, asked if the Commission members are concerned about the lack of a chimney. Mark Bilodeau said he prefer a chimney to be added to the structure. Sarah White said she is not interested in a chimney being a part of a new structure that has no fireplace.

Sarah White asked for comments from the Commission members. Mark Bilodeau said there is nothing about the structure worth saving. Stephen Dodge said the structure is not remarkable.

The members discussed the conditions that would be imposed if the structure were to be released for demolition. The structure shall be of cedar or Hardie board siding with wood or Azek trim. The front door shall be of solid wood. The gable end shall face the street. The proportions shall remain as shown on the plans submitted and the Commission must approve changes to the plans. The components of the venting system shall be of the same color as the material to which they are adjacent.

Sarah White moved to release the structure for demolition with the conditions as discussed. Stephen Dodge seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**4. Advisory Review**

None

**5. Minutes**

Sarah White moved to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2016 meeting as submitted. Mark Bilodeau seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**6. General Business**

**David Hamel and Karen Damon c/o Mark Griffin, Esq.**

**496 Merrimac Street**

**Informal Discussion**

Mark Griffin asked if the Commission would hold a preservation restriction on 496 Merrimac Street. The applicant is proposing to add a second house to the property. The restriction would fulfill the public benefit requirement for a 6-C special permit. Sarah White said the Commission would be interested in saving the form, size and massing of the exterior of the structure. A site visit will be held on Sunday, March 20 at 10:30 a.m.

**6-8 Oakland Street Preservation Restriction**

The Commission members did not recommend any changes be made to the preservation restriction for 6-8 Oakland Street. Sarah White moved to authorize the Chair to sign the preservation restriction for 6-8 Oakland Street in the presence of the City Clerk. Mark Bilodeau seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**7. Adjournment**

Malcolm Carnwath moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. Stephen Dodge seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The next regular meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.