Newburyport Historical Commission

Minutes of the 3 May 2012 Meeting

1. Call to Order

The regularly scheduled meeting the Newburyport Historical Commission was called to order at 7:35 in the Conference Room, City Hall. Present: Tom Kolterjahn, Ned McGrath, Linda Smiley, Bill Todd, and Margaret Welch. Absent: Steve Dodge.

1. Guests

Daniel Herlihy, 80-82 Middle Street, asked the Commission to review the new window configuration in his plans for renovation. Commission members expressed approval of the six-over-six window on the east elevation. The Commission voted to approve the revised plan as presented (5 yes, 1 absent). Chair Smiley will communicate with the Building Commissioner.

2. Demolition Applications

38 Moulton Street (Michael and Caron-Ann O'Neill, owners) – The O'Neills discussed their project including their opinion that the front of the house rests on cinderblocks and was probably renovated in the 1950s. They believe that the house was built ca. 1936 from studying telephone books. Commission members while discussing the historic significance of the house noted that few original features remained. The Commission voted that the building was not historically significant and thus released it for demolition (5 yes, 1 absent).

4 Walnut Street (Amy Casey, owner) -- The owners wish to remove the deteriorated front porch and replace it with a smaller porch. Commission members voted that the house was historically significant and released the porch for demolition, accepting the plans as proposed (5 yes, 1 absent).

3. Review of Minutes

The NHC accepted the minutes of 15 March as amended (4 yes, 1 absention, 1 absent). Review of 6 April minutes was deferred.

4. New Business

The Commission moved the second meeting of the month to 24 May.