

Newburyport Historical Commission
City Council Chambers
August 22, 2013
Minutes

1. Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Newburyport Historical Commission was called to order by Chair Linda Smiley at 7:35 p.m.

2. Roll Call

In attendance were members Linda Smiley, Steve Dodge, Ned McGrath, Sarah White, Margaret Welch and Bill Todd. In attendance: Peter Binette of the Building Department.

3. Demolition Applications

David and Tammy Webster, Owners; Andrew Sidford, Project Architect

37 Broad Street

Roof Line Change

Mr. Sidford explained the plan to retain the early main portion of the building and to put in two new gables. The gables would be at the same height of the extant ridgeline. Two bedrooms would be created in this plan.

The NHC voted the structure historically significant. Chair Smiley said that she thought that the house would be improved. Mr. Sidford stressed that the height of the proposed gables would not be higher than the existing house. The NHC voted to approve the changes proposed in the plans, 6-0.

4. General Business

Mr. Sidford mentioned that he thought that the NHC should resume presenting historic preservation awards (the Newburyport Preservation Trust currently presents historic preservation awards).

Mr. Sidford suggested that the NHC promote preservation restrictions to private property owners. After discussion, the NHC thanked him for his input.

Chair Smiley suggested that Peter Binette should receive copies of demolition applications.

5. Minutes

Review of minutes for 1 August was deferred.

6. Adjournment

Linda Smiley moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.