

Newburyport Historical Commission
Mayor's Conference Room
August 8, 2018
Minutes

1. Call to Order

Acting Chair Stephen Dodge called a regular meeting of the Newburyport Historical Commission to order at 7:32 p.m.

2. Roll Call

In attendance were members Stephen Dodge, Ron Ziemba, Glenn Richards, Christopher Fay and Malcolm Carnwath. Ned McGrath participated by telephone. Sarah White was absent.

3. General Business

Christopher Crump

47 Purchase Street

Demolition Delay Historical Significance Determination

The applicant is proposing to modify an 1844 structure to which many changes have been made over the years. Most of the work would take place on the interior. The structure would be converted from a two-family home back to its original one-family configuration. The front façade would remain unchanged and the original footprint would be retained. A rear addition would be removed, along with the exterior stairs on the right side of the structure. The applicant is proposing to add a carport on one side of the structure.

Glenn Richards moved that the structure is historically significant. Malcolm Carnwath seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. A public hearing will be scheduled and the Commission members will visit the site on their own.

Bert Baldarelli/Wilson Holdings LLC

126 High Street

DOD Advisory Review

Edward Wilson and Bert Baldarelli described the proposal to replace the stairs on the front of the structure. The bricks, which are not historic, have cracked, making the stairs unsafe. Brick risers with granite treads would be used for the replacement stairs, along with a granite landing. The applicant intends to use a sealant, which is acceptable for new brick. Ned McGrath said the striped effect created by the use of granite treads with brick risers would not promote the retention of the historic character of the structure.

Malcolm Carnwath moved to send a letter to the Planning Board indicating the Historical Commission recommends the proposal be accepted. Glenn Richards seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Ned McGrath voting against it.

Mark Wojcicki, Wojcicki Development, LLC

97-99 State Street

DOD Advisory Review

Scott Brown, Lela Wright and Nick Cracknell represented the applicant, who is seeking a special permit from the Planning Board. The Queen Anne-style structure, which currently houses four

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units, would be converted to three flats. A door and balcony would be added on the second story and a recessed terrace would be added to the third-floor rear elevation. No structural changes would be made to the front elevation. The aluminum siding would be removed and the original siding would be replaced in kind if its condition prevents it from being retained. The third-floor windows would be restored but the other windows, many of which are original, would be replaced. The applicant agreed not to install skylights on the Garden Street façade.

Tom Kolterjahn, 64 Federal Street, commented that the intention of the ordinance is to preserve the features of historic structures. The preservation of the wavy glass and original sashes would be especially important given the downtown location of the structure. He added the basement-level shutters are original and should be restored.

The Commission members said they would like to visit the site and they asked to see a sample of the proposed windows. A site visit will be posted for 7:00 p.m. on August 22. Stephen Dodge moved to continue the review to the August 22 meeting. Ned McGrath seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. Minutes

Malcolm Carnwath moved to approve of the minutes of the July 25, 2018 meeting as submitted. Glenn Richards seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

5. Adjournment

Malcolm Carnwath moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Christopher Fay seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.