

Newburyport Historical Commission

September 11, 2019

Mayor's Conference Room

Minutes

1. Call to Order

Chair Glenn Richards called a regular meeting of the Newburyport Historical Commission to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

3. Public Hearings

David Strutt and Deborah Thomas

64 Bromfield Street

Roofline Change/Partial Demolition

Maurica Thomas represented the applicant, who is proposing to demolish an enclosed porch and construct a larger addition. The slope of the roofline of the addition would match that of the main structure.

The hearing was opened to comments from the public. Tom Kolterjahn, 64 Federal Street, said the project is a small one. The view of the proposed addition from the street would be an improvement over the existing conditions.

Ron Ziemba moved to accept the plans as presented. Malcolm Carnwath seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Newburyport Renovations, LLC

11 Carter Street

Roofline Change/Partial Demolition

Maurica Thomas and Scott Brown represented the applicant. At the August 14 meeting the Commission members expressed their concerns over the size of the proposed addition. The applicant worked with members of the Preservation Trust to revise the plans. The dormers have been removed from the proposed addition. The addition on the west side of the structure would be smaller than originally proposed. The dormer on the original structure would be smaller than had been proposed and would be stepped back. The front door would still be moved to the right side of the façade but the side lights would be retained.

The hearing was opened to comments from the public. Tom Kolterjahn, 64 Federal Street, said the revised plans are a significant improvement over those that were originally proposed and represent a reasonable compromise. The applicant intends to restore some of the features that have been lost over the years, making the structure more consistent with its original architecture.

Glenn Richards thanked the applicant for his willingness to work to improve the plans. The compromise in the amount of living space will result in a structure that is more in keeping with the original and better in fits with the neighborhood. Malcolm

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Carnwath moved to accept the plans as presented. Ron Ziemba seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. General Business

Kathryn Shipper

17 Summer Street

Demolition Delay Historical Significance Determination

The applicant did not attend the meeting and has not yet provided plans for a replacement structure. The Greek Revival structure is typical of its period, contributes to the district and meets the criteria for a determination of historical significance. Malcolm Carnwath moved the structure is historically significant. Christopher Fay seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

5. Minutes

Ned McGrath moved to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2019, meeting as submitted. Christopher Fay seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Ned McGrath moved to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2019, meeting as submitted. Christopher Fay seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

6. Other Business

Meetings of the Newburyport Historical Commission will now take place on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 7:00 p.m.

7. Adjournment

Malcolm Carnwath moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m. Ron Ziemba seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.