

**Newburyport Historical Commission**  
City Council Chambers  
September 19, 2013  
Minutes

**1. Call to Order**

A regular meeting of the Newburyport Historical Commission was called to order by Chair Linda Smiley at 7:30 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

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

**3. Demolition Applications**

**James Bourque**

15 Tyng Street

Demolition of Rear Ell

The applicant is proposing to remove a rear ell and replace it with a 22' x 24' two-story addition. The roofline would remain the same but would be higher by two feet and eight inches. The existing enclosed porch would be converted to a farmer's porch. Both the porch and the ell were additions to the main structure, which is to remain intact. The structure has been greatly modified over the years and is not timber framed. Linda Smiley moved that the structure is not historically significant. Sarah White seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The applicant must submit a new copy of the plans for the files, as the version that was submitted with the application was not the most recent one.

**4. Minutes**

Linda Smiley moved to approve the minutes of the September 5 meeting as amended. Ned McGrath seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**5. General Business**

Peter Binette said he has received the RFP for the work on the high school and would forward it to Linda Smiley. He said most of the materials are to be replaced in kind but a composite would be used in one area.

Linda Smiley said she would forward information to Kate Newhall-Smith about the Massachusetts Historic Preservation Conference scheduled for October 18, as it will include a session on the Community Preservation Act.

**6. Adjournment**

Linda Smiley moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Ned McGrath seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.