

Newburyport Historical Commission
City Council Chambers
September 23, 2015
Minutes

1. Call to Order

Chair Sarah White called a regular meeting of the Newburyport Historical Commission to order at 7:34 p.m.

2. Roll Call

In attendance were members Sarah White, Stephen Dodge, Malcolm Carnwath and Mark Bilodeau.

3. Demolition Applications

Donna and Jeff Sprague c/o Blatman, Bobrowski, Mead & Talerman, LLC

15 63rd Street

Full Building Demolition

Lisa Mead represented the applicant, who is proposing to demolish a cottage built in 1920 and replace it with 2,600 square foot home. Ms. Mead said the structure is built of 2" x 4" lumber placed 24" on center and is supported by lally columns that sit on concrete posts. Its construction is inadequate and the north wall has begun to fail. A number of additions have been made to the cottage over the years.

Stephen Dodge moved the structure is not historically significant. Malcolm Carnwath seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Tammy and Kevin Kennelly

5 Neptune Street

Roofline Change

Stephen Foster represented the applicants, who are proposing to add a new roof and dormer to a single-family home. Mr. Foster said an engineer found the third floor deck structure and roof structure to be deficient. The new roof would be 3.75 feet higher than the existing one. The pitch would remain the same.

Stephen Dodge moved the structure is historically significant. Malcolm Carnwath seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

The elements of the plan have not been dimensioned. Stephen Dodge recommended the pitch of the dormer be greater than is proposed. Mark Bilodeau said the proposed windows are not in keeping with the style of the house or others in the neighborhood. He suggested either fewer windows be installed or they be grouped differently. Sarah White recommended the break between the dormer and the wall of the house be better delineated. The applicant will provide revised the plans for the October 14 meeting.

4. Advisory Review

None

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5. Minutes

Malcolm Carnwath moved to table the approval of the minutes of the August 26 meeting. Stephen Dodge seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mark Bilodeau moved to approve the minutes of the September 9 meeting as submitted. Malcolm Carnwath seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

6. Correspondence

Letter from MHC Regarding the Proposed Harbormaster and Visiting Boater Facility at 27R Merrimac Street

The Fish and Wildlife Service and the Advisory Council for Historic Preservation upheld the decision made by the Massachusetts Historical Commission and the Newburyport Historical Commission that the installation of a utility corridor along Custom House Way for the proposed Harbormaster and Visiting Boater Facility would cause no adverse impacts on historic or archaeological resources. Sarah White confirmed with the Fish and Wildlife Service that the correct procedure had been followed.

7. Adjournment

Mark Bilodeau moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Malcolm Carnwath seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.