

NEWBURYPORT REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Minutes of the October 27, 2004 Meeting

Present: Mary Lou Supple, Janet Marcus, Millie Munroe, Nathaniel Norton, Laura Rowe. Also Atty. Carol Powers.

Minutes of the September 22, 2004 Meeting

Minutes were not available for distribution.

Treasurer's Report

Re Boston Towing: At last month's meeting the NRA authorized payment to Boston Towing of \$3,150 for electrical conduit work on the two completed Ways to the waterfront. Boston Towing also requests payment of the \$6,000 we authorized for gravel and grading of the two parking lots last year. They will not pursue the balance of their original bill for \$20,000. *Corrected*

Parking Committee Update

N.Norton described the most recent plan for the proposed downtown parking garage: Basically, the first floor would be Retail, the second a Senior Center, the third and fourth Elderly Housing, and the basement and fifth and sixth floors parking.

The City has received a grant of \$50,000 for a consultant to analyze this new concept.

The mayor's goal is to institute a paid parking system for all municipal and NRA lots by April 2005. Downtown street parking would be free, but reduced to half-hour and one hour periods.

Memorandum of Understanding

The last Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the NRA and the City/City Council relating to parking and parking garage issues is now null and void because certain conditions were not met. A new MOU is likely to be required in the future if and when the new parking project becomes more clearly defined.

Deed Restriction & the East Row Condos Parking Issue

This longterm dispute centers on (1) whether the NRA is obligated to provide parking to the East Row Condos and (2) if so, whether the parking has to be free of charge. A variance was granted by the Zoning Board about 30 years ago which required the NRA to provide 35 spaces. The NRA feels that once the east lot was opened to the public, the obligation was met. C.Powers suggested that all we have to do to satisfy the variance is to guarantee that there will always be 35 spaces available on the waterfront lots; this can be done via recording a legal document which so states.

MOTION made and passed to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Laura Rowe, Secretary