

**Newburyport Redevelopment Authority**  
Minutes – December 1, 2010

**1. Call to Order**

A regular meeting of the Newburyport Redevelopment Authority was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair James Shanley.

**2. Roll Call**

In attendance were members Patty Dorfman, Adam Guild, John Morris and James Shanley.

**3. Public Comment**

None

**4. Report on Meeting with Mayor Holaday**

Patty Dorfman said she met with the Mayor and told her that the NRA had revisited its mission and responsibilities. She said she explained that the perception that a large group of residents is in favor of an open waterfront is not supported by past surveys and the plan presented by Adam Guild would increase the open space on the waterfront by 40%. Mayor Holaday said she would not be willing to approach the City Council about partially funding the position of executive director because the City Council sees the NRA as taking advantage of the City in requesting a payment of \$70,000 for parking. She said she does not think there is any more urban blight and there may not be a need for the NRA in the future. She thinks the City has enough resources to direct the progress on the waterfront. Patty asked the Mayor to make a presentation to the NRA on her arguments for its dissolution. Members agreed they are not willing to dissolve the NRA at this time. Patty will convey the message to the Mayor.

**5. DEP Tier II Status**

James Shanley said DEP has granted an extension to May 30, 2011. Carol Powers was not able to attend the meeting and will report on the issue further at a later date.

**6. Sinkhole Update**

James Shanley reported that the DPS has repaired the sinkhole. Vine Associates submitted a bill for \$4,000 for the evaluation of the sinkhole.

**7. Synopsis of November 17 Meeting**

The tasks that were outlined at the November 17 meeting were reviewed:

- The most current urban renewal plan was located.
- The materials in the NRA binders were copied.
- The meeting with the Mayor took place.
- Patty Dorfman will circulate a draft revised mission statement before the next meeting and will meeting with New England Development on December 2.
- James Shanley will located the Ben Thompson plan and will meet with the Waterfront Trust and the Chamber of Commerce.
- John Morris will locate the Sasaki plan, will look for examples of successful waterfronts and will meet with the Maritime Museum and Bob Uhlig.

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- Adam Guild will meet with Brad Duffin and will continue to determine valuations for the land parcels.

### **8. Stakeholder Meeting**

James Shanley said the Mayor has expressed a desire for a stakeholder meeting, but he thinks it should not take place for a few months.

### **9. Dumpster Update**

John Morris said he supports making area around the dumpster more attractive and the NRA should good stewards of the area. It is not clear if there is an existing agreement. James Shanley will ask Carol Powers about the lease. Patty Dorman said Not Your Average Joes might be willing to split the cost. James Shanley said Peter Kelly told him the Firehouse would not contribute.

### **10. Consultants**

More time is needed to contact consultants about facilitating the stakeholder meeting and developing an RFI. Andy Port said a list of potential consultants might be found at Macponline.org.

### **11. Treasurer's Report**

There was no treasurer's report as Tim Brennan was not present. Patty Dorfman moved to approve a payment of \$4,000 to Vine Associates for the evaluation of the sinkhole. John Morris seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. Patty Dorfman moved to approve a payment of \$225 to ND Landscape, Inc. Adam Guild seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **12. Minutes**

James Shanley moved to approve the minutes of November 17 as amended. Patty Dorfman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **13. Other Business**

James Shanley said he was contacted by Doug Locy, co-chair of the Waterfront Trust, about jointly entering into a contract for landscaping services. The NRA would not be interested in doing this because it is happy with the work done by LD Landscape.

The next regular meeting of the NRA will take place on December 15 at 7:00 p.m. at the Newburyport Public Library. Upcoming meetings are scheduled for December 29, January 12, January 26, February 9, February 23, March 9 and March 23.

### **14. Adjournment**

James Shanley moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Patty Dorfman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.