

Newburyport Redevelopment Authority  
Minutes from meeting held January 4, 2006

In attendance: Jan Marcus, Mary Lou Supple, Nat Norton, Rick Taintor  
Guests: Mayor John Moak, Stephanie Chlef

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. Mayor John Moak was present to discuss his opinions on the Waterfront Park and Parking Survey. Mr. Moak expressed that not only did he see no need for a parking garage; he didn't feel that the construction of one could be afforded. Moak said that the maintenance and up keep of the available parking now is a main concern of his. He expressed his desire to provide 700 parking spaces in off street downtown parking to accommodate the busier seasons, mid May through mid August.

Mayor Moak said he would like to utilize the revenue from paid parking to keep up the lots available near the boardwalk. He is interested in keeping at least some spaces subsidized for the parking of downtown business employees, charging them \$2.00 per day for parking, and giving seniors a discounted rate as well. He hopes to establish a pay-and-walk-away system, where cards can be purchased and used. Moak said that 600 spaces would be his bottom threshold for providing off street parking in the downtown area. He said he plans to continue working with the NRA to make compromises and balances regarding the Waterfront parking situation.

The survey changes were then discussed. The committee concluded that an introduction of the NRA was needed on the survey. The committee then went over what should be taken out and things that should be added. Items that were too "opinionated," such as the last line found under the paragraph headed "How much parking do we use?"

were removed. Additional information written out by Jan was looked over, repetitions were removed and some of the information was added to the rough draft.

Jan briefly interrupted the discussion to discuss the Pleasant street antique sign. She said that Gary Calderwood knows the sign needs to be taken down and he will take care of it as soon as he can.

The group decided that the parking and traffic committee paragraph would be removed. Jan made a point that the Authority should make sure to note that the NRA has been working with the City. The structures of the three choices were changed and the formats of the funding options were changed as well. The last choice for question one and three found under funding was also removed. Nat and Marylou will continue to make changes and corrections on the survey. Marylou said she would e-mail a copy over the updated version in the next couple of days.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.