

**Newburyport Redevelopment Authority**  
City Council Chambers  
February 12, 2014  
Minutes

**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Roll Call**

In attendance were members James Shanley, Tom Salemi and Patty Dorfman. Carol Powers was also in attendance.

**3. Mission Statement**

Patty Dorfman read the mission statement.

**4. Minutes**

The approval of the minutes of the January 22, 2014 meeting was tabled.

**5. Waterfront Trust Issues**

NRA members voted at the January 22 meeting to enter into a MOA with the Waterfront Trust and to authorize the Trust to enter into a contract for the maintenance of the properties of both parties. Doug Locy is concerned the MOA has not yet been signed. He said the Waterfront Trust must have a contract in place for April 1. Carol Powers said the NRA has approved the MOA in concept. She said she only just received the document and she must work out a few details. She will have an amended document ready for signature by the end of the week.

The Trustees voted at their February 3 meeting to accept the DCI survey dated January 29 with the addition of the three notations, two of which involve the conveyance of land from the NRA to the Waterfront Trust. Geordie Vining said the notations are contractual elements that do not belong on a survey plan. Carol Powers said a survey plan is meant to depict existing conditions and is not a contract for future conveyances. She recommended that the NRA not approve of the survey plan as presented. She said that according to the stipulation, the land is to be conveyed from the NRA to the City and the City would then transfer the land to the Trust. She added that the survey must be recorded before the AUL might be removed.

**6. Insurance**

James Shanley moved to approve the payment of an invoice from the MacDonald and Pangione Insurance Agency in the amount of \$2,174 for an officers and directors liability insurance policy. Patty Dorfman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**7. Correspondence**

Tom Salemi read a letter from Susan and Charles Gaylord that stated they are in favor of an open waterfront. They asked if CPA funds could be used to expand the park and said

the community has shown it is willing to raise money for efforts it supports, such as was done for the Screening Room.

#### **8. Treasurer's Report**

Tom Salemi said checks were received from Not Your Average Joe's in the amount of \$250 for dumpster area rent and the City in the amount of \$3,458.06 for parking revenue for November and December.

#### **9. General Business**

Geordie Vining said the proposed Harbormaster's facility would provide restrooms for staff, the general public and boaters. A water line extends to the existing building, but a sewer line does not. A manhole for the old brick system that runs along Water Street is located across from the entrance to the NRA east lot. The DPS would like to drill test pits to determine if it would be possible to run a new line along the edge of the lot to the Fish Pier. Carol Powers said she is concerned not about the test pits, but rather about the line itself and its possible impact on the AUL. She asked if the sewer line could run through the New England Development property along the existing water line. She asked about the depth of the line, saying it could potentially impact the contaminated soil. She said the work might trigger other environmental laws due to its proximity to the water. She added the NRA would reserve the rights to relocate the line if necessary for any development of the lot. Mr. Vining will return to the next meeting with information on the depth of the line and specific language in the AUL.

#### **10. Applications**

##### **Tour d'Elegance**

James Shanley moved to approve an application for 80 classic cars to gather in the paved section of the east lot on Saturday, July 26 between 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. to begin a driving tour along the North Shore. Patty Dorfman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

##### **Waterfront Festival**

Tom Salemi moved to approve an application for the use of the east lot for a beer tent during the Waterfront Festival on Saturday, August 30. A certificate of insurance is to be provided. James Shanley seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

#### **11. Legal and Regulatory Issues**

Carol Powers said meeting minutes would be copied to a CD for Peter Carosu, attorney for the Committee for an Open Waterfront.

#### **12. Adjournment**

James Shanley moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. Tom Salemi seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.