

Newburyport Redevelopment Authority  
Minutes of meeting held June 22, 2005

In Attendance: Mary Lou Supple, Erford Fowler, Nathaniel Norton, Jan Marcus, Rick Taintor, and recorder Jenn Wilmot

The meeting was called to order at 6:12 p.m. by Mary Lou, who presented the agenda for the meeting and a report of small business activity sent by the Office of Economic Development.

Hemisphere's (17 Green Street) application for signage was discussed. Owner, Shannon Simmons was present for the meeting. It was noted that the sign was too large, and needed to be at least 10 feet above the level of the sidewalk. **Motion made and seconded : To approve sign if needed changes are made.** This motion was passed unanimously.

Minutes from the previous meeting, May 25, 2005 were reviewed. **Motion made and seconded: To accept minutes from May 25, 2005.** This motion was passed unanimously.

Treasurer Nat Norton presented the treasurers report dated June 22, 2005, which was read and discussed. Nat noted that he was still awaiting an invoice from Carol Powers. Mary Lou noted that she had received an invoice from Salisbury Landscape; however she suggested that payment be made after the work was completed.

There was a discussion about the commercial fishing pier being used for parking by the general public. Mary Lou noted that in order to avoid paying for parking, people are saying that they are going to see the harbormaster. A gentleman who tried to do this was asked to pay and complained. Erford said he would speak with Ralph about potential parking restrictions in that area such as assigning certain spaces and marking them "commercial fishing vehicles only".

There was a brief discussion about a parking problem occurring between the Black Cow Restaurant and Hudson's, however Mary Lou noted the situation was not an NRA issue.

The East Row Condominiums were discussed briefly. Mary Lou noted that there was no other draft of the deed restriction, however Carol would be e-mailing it shortly. Mary Lou said she would speak to Carol on June 23, 2005 about the matter, and the issue would be discussed at the next meeting.

Nat then presented a surveying proposal done by OAK engineers, in order to get a ball park figure of the cost of work that will be done. He noted that the property surveying price was only \$8,500, which was an attractive offer. He also noted that this was only the first proposal he had received, he was still waiting for one from Port. It was suggested that he try Millennium surveying as well. It was decided that Nat would report back with at least two other quotes from different surveyors.

There was then a discussion about the park subcommittee. It was decided that there was not enough time in one meeting to pull everything together and the issue needs more of a commitment. A timeline and an agenda is needed to establish further steps to take. It was also noted that fundraising needed to be discussed. It was suggested that a good start would be to invite Geordie and Nick to the next meeting.

There was a discussion about the need for a Waterfront Trust meeting. There were questions surrounding whether the meeting should be held at the end of summer or as soon as possible. It was decided that there would be a strict and narrow agenda. Jan will complete an agenda draft, to be reviewed. A copy of the agenda will be submitted to the Waterfront Trust as well. It was decided that a moderator would be needed for the meeting. It was suggested that Heather should attend the meeting as a moderator. It was decided that the meeting will take place sometime between August 9-12, 2005, to allow enough planning time.

The subcommittee was then re-discussed. Nat and Jan volunteered to make up the committee, with potential assistance from Geordie and Nick.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn. [7:57 p.m.]