

NEWBURYPORT REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Minutes of the September 24, 2003 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM in City Hall Auditorium. Members present: Mary Lou Supple, Millie Munroe, Jan Marcus, Byron Matthews, and Laura Rowe. Also: Atty. Carol Powers. City Councillors present: G. Earls, E. Fowler, K. Kelley, A. McCarthy, D. McFarlane, T. O'Brien, B. Reffett, and J. Spaulding.

Discussion with Members of the City Council

The purpose of this "joint meeting" with the City Council was to update them on the NRA's current status and to answer any questions they might have.

The major topic discussed was the Memorandum of Understanding between the NRA and the Mayor re downtown parking, construction of a parking garage, and use of the NRA central waterfront parcels for parking. The NRA's current financial situation was also discussed; councillors were provided with relevant documents.

Everyone felt we should work cooperatively to resolve the future of the NRA's central waterfront lots.

Firehouse Restaurant Trash Corral

On 9/11/03 members Matthews and Rowe attended a workshop session with members of the Firehouse and several private abutters. The consensus of the meeting was that the favored location was in the East Parking Lot, several yards north of the previous trash corral. Minutes of that meeting are attached, together with a map of the 3 locations considered.

MOTION made and approved unanimously by a rollcall vote to approve the recommendation of the East Parking Lot for a trash corral for the Firehouse's future restaurant.

First & Ocean Bank Line of Credit

The bank has agreed to offer the NRA a \$250,000 line of credit at 4% interest. Monthly interest payments will be deducted automatically from the NRA's checking account.

MOTION made and passed unanimously by a rollcall vote to authorize M. Supple as chair to execute the bank agreement.


Certificate of Completion

Requested by Michael E. Rowan of 26 Inn Street. Atty. Powers will send him a form to complete, and request more formal documentation.

Meeting Schedule

The next 3 meetings will be: Oct. 22 at 6:30 PM, November 19 at 6 PM, and December 17 at 6 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Rowe, Secretary