

## **Newburyport Redevelopment Authority**

Newburyport Public Library

August 8, 2012

Draft Minutes

### **1.Call to Order**

A regular meeting of the Newburyport Redevelopment Authority was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chair James Shanley.

### **2.Roll Call**

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

### **3. Reading of the mission statement**

Patty Dorfman read the mission statement.

### **4. Minutes**

Patty Dorfman voted to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2012 meeting as submitted, Adam Guild seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **5. Treasurer's Report**

Adam Guild said the balance in the checking account is \$3168.92 and the balance in the money market account is \$157,727.69.

Adam Guild reported that there were four invoices to be paid.

Adam Guild moved to approve payment of \$1600.00 for Barry Abramson, Patty Dorfman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. This invoice, dated 7/26/2012, was for work that took place from 7/11-7/26. The work included prep for the RFP plus phone and e-mail work.

Adam Guild, moved to approve payment of \$904.50 for John Burke, Patty Dorfman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. This invoice was dated 8/1/2012 and covered for the work which took place from 7/1 – 7/31 for helping with parking studies to be included in the RFP. Chair Shanley confirmed that Mr. Burke was on budget. The total fee for Mr. Burke's services will be \$4800.00 with the bulk of the work to take place towards the end of his contract.

Adam Guild, moved to approve payment of \$183.23 for National Grid, Patty Dorfman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The bill from National Grid was for service from 6/22 – 7/25/2012.

James Shanley, moved to approve payment of \$480.42 for ND Landscaping, Adam Guild seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. Chair Shanley indicated that ND Landscaping is about 80% complete with an additional piece of work

(not the work that was accounted for with the invoice).

Payment from the City of Newburyport for June parking revenue was received in the amount of \$11,104.20. Payment from *Not Your Average Joe's* was received in the amount of \$250.00.

#### **6. Parking Study by John Burke, update**

Chair Shanley reported that the parking counts are complete and that there will be a report from John Burke by 8/20/2012.

#### **7. Mass Development Update**

Chair Shanley indicated they are working to complete the design plan. There will be a presentation of the final proposal to the public on 9/12/2012 at the Firehouse.

**8. New Business** □ Adam Guild asked about the surveyor for the waterfront trust. John Shanley said he would follow up with Everett Chandler to see what the status is.

#### **9. Public Comment** □

##### **Susan Hern, 22 Broad Street, Newburyport, MA**

Ms. Hern asked if the survey is where they put the stakes to denote property lines. She wondered how there could be a presentation to the public when the survey is not complete. Chair Shanley said that the presentation to the public will be conceptual. Ms. Hern was concerned about the architect understanding the difference between the waterfront land and the NRA. Chair Shanley assured her that the architect does know the difference.

##### **Michael Mroz, Executive Director, Custom House Maritime Museum**

Mr. Mroz provided an updated list of the Lawn Events scheduled. There were 2 events in July. There will be 2 events in August and 2 events in October. There was discussion about the Chowderfest which will be held on Columbus Day weekend. Chair Shanley asked about the MIT/Cedar Group scheduled for August 27, 2012. Mr. Mroz indicated it is a group of about 30 post graduate students and metallurgical professors. They are going out on the Ninth Wave and then coming back to the Maritime museum for a clambake. There was discussion about whether this was a market the Custom House Maritime Museum might pursue. Mr. Shanley asked about the repair work. The update provided by Mr. Mroz included the fact that the final details are being worked through with Massachusetts Historical Society. They are expecting by Labor Day to go out with a bid sheet. They are hopeful the project can start by November 2012 and be completed by June 2013.

##### **William Harris, 56 Lime Street, Newburyport, MA**

Mr. Harris asked that the NRA consider the possibility of an integrated project plan. Mr. Harris expressed interest in involving the Federal Government with the closure of the NRA.

He suggested doing a Federal Environmental Impact Statement. He gave the H.M.S. Bounty as an example. These types of ships would find it easy to come to Newburyport if the harbor was dredged using Federal monies. He said that if you go the state route, you may find yourself in Federal Court. You can't get an Army Corps Federal Permit without a federal review. He suggested reserving space that should NOT go to the waterfront trust. He thought they should come up with a better solution that is more flexible. Chair Shanley indicated he had been in contact with Tierney's office.

**10. Adjournment** □ Tom Salemi moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m. Patty Dorfman seconded the □ motion. The motion was unanimously approved.