Newburyport Redevelopment Authority

Newburyport Public Library January 4, 2012 Minutes

1. Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Newburyport Redevelopment Authority was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chair James Shanley.

2. Roll Call

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

3. Public Comment

None

4. Approval of Minutes

Patty Dorfman moved to approve the minutes of the November 22 meeting as submitted. John Morris seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

5. Treasurer's Report

James Shanley reported that as of January 3, 2012, the balance in the Money Market account was \$134,681.54 and the balance in the checking account was \$4,022.83. Checks have not been received either from Not Your Average Joe's for rent for the dumpster or from the City for parking.

Patty Dorfman moved to approve a payment to Weston and Sampson for an invoice dated November 23 in the amount of \$3,646.81 for work through October 28. Adam Guild seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Patty Dorfman moved to approve a payment to National Grid in the amount of \$463.17, which includes a previous balance of \$231.02. John Morris seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

6. Communications

- The certificate of liability insurance for the Multiple Sclerosis walk was received.
- The Owners and Officers liability insurance policy was received.
- A letter was received from the Maritime Society stating it would like to be an active player in the work being done by the NRA.

7. Status Report on Mass Development

James Shanley said he received a first draft of the MOA with Mass Development, which he forwarded to Carol Powers. Both had concerns and returned comments to Mass Development. He said he would like the agreement to be finalized by the next meeting. The agreement will be between Mass Development and the NRA. The Mayor must also

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sign the agreement. It is expected that the City would contribute to the NRA's cost of \$25,000 but there is not an agreement between the City and the NRA regarding the sharing of the cost. The NRA expects to pay the money up front and will fund the entire cost itself if necessary. Barry Abramson is not one of Mass Development's subcontractors and the NRA must hire him directly if it chooses to work with him. The members would like to continue to use his services, but until it is known what the subcontractors are responsible for his role cannot be determined.

8. Parking Subcommittee

Adam Guild said he has not yet received any information on year-end parking revenues or the two proposed short-term, general use parking spaces.

9. New Business

The next meeting of the NRA is scheduled for January 18 at the Police Department conference room. Subsequent meetings have been scheduled for Feb. 1, Feb. 15 and Feb. 29 at the Newburyport Public Library.

10. Adjournment

Patty Dorfman moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30. Adam Guild seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.