

Dianne Boisvert

From: Katelyn E. Sullivan
Sent: December 17, 2019 9:00 AM
To: Dianne Boisvert
Subject: FW: [Ext]Fwd: Modification of the PR

Hi-

Please see below from Chuck Griffin to modify his variance decision. He would like to go to NHC on 1/23 and the ZBA on 1/28.

Katelyn

From: Charles Griffin [<mailto:CGriffin@ega.net>]
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2019 7:06 PM
To: Katelyn E. Sullivan; Glenn Richards
Cc: Andrew Port; Jennifer Blanchet
Subject: [Ext]Fwd: Modification of the PR

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From: Charles Griffin <CGriffin@ega.net>
Subject: Modification of the PR Requirement
Date: December 16, 2019 at 6:01 PM EST
To: Katelyn Sullivan

Dear Katelyn,

On July 25th the Newburyport Zoning Board of Appeals issued a document titled:

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS AND DECISION FOR A DIMENSIONAL VARIANCE signed by Robert Ciampitti.

Article 4 on page three of that letter states:

"The applicant shall enter into a Perpetual Preservation Restriction (PR) Agreement, Pursuant to G.L.c.184 s 31-33, with the Newburyport Historical Commission (NHC) to preserve the existing structure and landscaping. Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) approval of the restriction, substantially in the same form as the draft restriction incorporated by reference herein, shall be obtained and the final preservation recorded prior to any issuance of any new or associated building permits for the subject property."

On December 4 Glen Richards, Chairman of the NHC wrote me "The staff in the office tell me that it is pretty much impossible to predict how long it will take for the Mass HC to review any PR , and also warned me to expect the process to be slow...quite slow."

Obviously, this situation makes advancement of the project to proceed now impossible which is not the intent I, the NHC, the Zoning Board of Appeals, nor the Newburyport Planning Board intended. The Project was approved unanimously. No one appeared in opposition.

I ask that on January 23rd 2020 the NHC approve language that allows me to proceed with the Project, as approved by Newburyport's agencies, without waiting for the MHC final approval. Understanding that I agree to remove, within six months, any work put in place that doesn't meet the final MHC approval. Further, I ask that the same language be approved by the ZBA in their January 28th 2020 meeting.

Due to the fact that the PR will be held by the City and the City has approved what is acceptable to the City I believe that the City Agencies take no risk in approving this request and will help assure advancement of the Gaol Historic Preservation Project .

Sincerely,
Chuck Griffin
Architect

P.S.
Please copy Renee Bourdeau
as I don't have her email address.